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"The Manicure and "I'ma Isabella of Portugal"

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A reception by the Sultan of Turkey is an incident that has befallen a very small proportion, indeed, of Naval officers. Therefore, the few officers of H.M.S., Securt to whom this honour fell the other day, considered themselves fortunate. They were presented by Sir Nicholas O'Conor, the British Ambassador, on September 5, after the ceremony of the Selamlik, when the Sultan goes in State to prayer to the Mosque of Hamidleh Jani. This takes place every Firday, with a martial hisplay of much magnificence. The ceremony of September 5 was on a grander scale than usual. It was the first Friday following the anniversary of His Majesty's accession. The Sultan's

usual custom is to return direct to the palace from the Mosque. Upon this occasion, however, he held a review of the troops, who marched past the Imperial building from which foreigners usually view the Selamlik. After the review he received the British Charge d'Affaires and his wife. Mr. de Eunsen left Constantinople the same day, having been appointed to the British Embassy in Paris. The presentation of Commander Gaunt, C.M.G., and the officers representing the heads of departments of the Scout followed

Topics of the Wicek

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S attack upon trusts is fast involving himself and his party in a series Trusts and of political as well as logical difficulties. average American citizen, who is a shrewd, hard-headed person, has already discovered that some of the worst evils of the trust system are due to

the protective tariff. Manufacturers who are protected in the home market can easily enter into a combination to keep up prices against the domestic consumer by disposing of their surplus stock abroad at any price that it will fetch. When there is no surplus stock there is no need to sell cheaply abroad, and the whole benefit of the high prices accrues to a handful of multi-millionaires. When there is a surplus stock, foreign nations obtain the advantage of buying American goods below cost price, and are thus incidentally enabled to compete more effectively with other American industries. In neither case is there any gain to the American people as a Realising this aspect of the trust question, patriotic Americans, without distinction of party, have been demanding that the tariff should be so amended as to deprive the trusts of the advantage which they now derive from protection. That is a straightforward and intelligible proposition. But it does not suit the book of the Republican wirepullers. They see clearly enough that if new tariff reform begins no man can prophesy where it will stop. A protective tariff is a very delicate piece of machinery. It is built up by a careful balancing of parts. Brown of Colorado is interested in toothpicks, and Smith of Arkansas in nail-brushes. Brown will vote for a duty on nail-brushes if Smith will support him in protecting toothpicks. And so the tariff grows. But if the tariff reformer comes along, and for the sake of attacking the Great Toothpick Trust, secures the abolition of the duty on toothpicks, Brown's interest is the sacred principle of protection is at an end, and he turns round and votes for the immediate repeal of the duty on nail-brushes. It is because the Republican managers understand this game that they have insisted that President Roosevelt must let the tariff alone. If he likes to win popularity by denouncing the trusts, it is a different matter. Hard words break no bones, and as for the threatened legislation against trusts, it is a most useful red herring to draw across the scent. The trusts will take care that the legislation does them no harm. President Roosevelt is too able a man not to see clearly the difficulties in which he is involved. He sees them, in fact, so clearly that he has prudently abstained from making any attempt to sketch the legislation that he proposes. All he asks is that the Constitu tion should be so amended as to enable Congress to assert the sovereignty of the people over the trusts. It is an excellent phrase, but even if he were to succeed in the extremely difficult task of amending the Constitution, there would still remain the difficulty of determining how trusts were to be controlled. The essential evil of the trust system is that it enables a few individuals to fleece the whole community by monopolising the production of a particular commodity and exacting an exorbitant price for it. But who is to determine what is an exorbitant price? If Congress were to pass a law that no American manufacturer was to sell an article abroad for a lower price than he sold it at home, the law would simply be laughed at. Nor would intelligent Americans submit to such a law being placed upon the Statute Book, for if it could be carried into effect it would be a gross interference with legitimate business. A manufacturer has to take advantage of markets as he finds them, and he is often compelled to sell cheaper in one market than in another. So far as the State interferes at all, its object should be to take care that the home market is on the average the cheapest. That object is best accomplished by throwing open the country to the products of the whole world.

THE formation of a Pedestrians' Protection League marks the sense of the community at Pedestrians' large that the time has come for more effectively Road Rights safeguarding the lives and limbs of those whose only means of locomotion are bestowed by Nature.

It cannot be disputed that His Majesty's highroads have latterly become more and more dangerous for these humble wayfarers. What with cycles, electric tramcars, and flying motors, the pedestrian almost carries his life in his hand whenever he has to venture into the roadway of any main thoroughfare. The legal rule of the road is that the drivers of vehicles, whether of one sort or another, shall keep clear of people on foot. But obedience to that ancient ordinance being incompatible with a high rate of speed, the motor-scorcher trusts to the noise made by his roaring engine, supplemented by that of his bellowing siren, to scare people out of his way. If, as sometimes occurs, the hideous din produces a dazing effect, "so much the worse for the coo," as Geordie Stephenson would have said. In Surrey, the nuisance has become so

great and so perilous that the several local authorities propose to take joint action for its suppression, while in other parts of the kingdom there are indications that, unless some remedy is soon applied, the rights of pedestrians will be enforced by exceedingly rough methods. It is essential, however, that pedestrians should use sidepaths whenever these are provided; should any accident happen to them through giving preference to the roadway, the responsibility rests on their own shoulders for unnecessarily challenging the risk of being run down. Workmen are great offenders against that unwritten law; they appear to derive positive pleasure from setting it at defiance.

English Amenities

SOME surprise has found expression on the Continent that when the Free Burghership of Haddington was bestowed on Mr. Balfour, Politicians' Radicals joined with Unionists in doing honour to the Prime Minister. But it would have been odd had they not done so; in this country,

whether it be that we infuse less passion into our party politics than foreigners, or through our traditional phlegm," society long ago agreed to differentiate the man from his political affinities. Only the very hot partisan feels moved to wrath when reading in the papers that Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman or Sir William Harcourt has been exchanging opinions with Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Brodrick over the walnuts and the wine" at some hospitable country Foreigners do not understand such amiability; the utmost they can conceive is an atmosphere of bare politeness at such mixed gatherings. There must be insincerity, they aver, when two politicians of mark, who never miss a chance of saying sharp things of one another in Parliament, pretend to be cordial friends immediately afterwards. There is no hypocrisy at all in this transformation, any more than in a boxer who, after doing his utmost to inflict injury on his antagonist, shakes hands and insists on standing Occasionally, it may be said, this sort of fraternisation out of harness conveys something of an impression that English statesmen take up with politics as a pleasant form of excitement, and that they are lacking in earnestness. It may be admitted, too, that, from a popular standpoint, the Homeric tussles of Mr. Gladstone and Lord Beaconsfield carried more interest than the milder combats which have replaced them. But, on the whole, it better consorts with the national temperament to separate the political gladiator in the arena from the fellow-citizen whose private virtues can be admired without sharing his principles.

Our Supplements

"DONA ISABELLA OF PORTUGAL"

THE lady whom Titian has here recorded in one of the pictures by which he immortalised his sojournings with the Emperor Charles V. at Mantua, Asti, and Milan (for this is one of the noble examples of his art which he executed while working for him), is a happy example of a married life of much felicity—a destiny of rare distinction among monarchs of the sixteenth century. When the Emperor Charles V. of Spain had secured from Henry VIII. a release of his engagement to the Lady Mary, he turned to Portugal, whence he had obtained large sums for the conduct of his wars, and sought in marriage the Doña Isabella, daughter of King John III. of that country. The marriage was popular—popular with the people both of Spain and of Portugal, the latter country willingly voting the lady a dowry of 900,000 crowns—and not less agreeable to the Emperor Charles. It was full of happiness to the Princess, who, however, lived only until 1529, after a short married life.

This picture, representing the Empress at the age of twenty-four, is a posthumous one. It was painted fifteen years after her death from a portrait which, from the design and treatment, may be conjectured to have been of Flemish origin. It is not by any means the only one of her which Titian executed. So favourite a work was this with Charles V. that when he retired to Juste he took the picture along with him, as he could not bear to part with it.

"THE MANICURE"

The picture of "The Manicure," which Mr. Henry Caro Delrantle has contributed to the exhibition at Earl's Court, is doubly interesting as a picture of modern life and as an example of very modern art. The profession of a "manicure," as such, is but a few years old, and, as here depicted, is as typical of modern luxury as it is of ancient vanity. In point of view of character, as shown in the lady and in the professional attendant (a sort of female Figaro of the twentieth century, a gossip full of shrewdness and worldly wisdom of a sort), the picture is curiously complete. In point of view of art we have strangely marked the influence of M. Alfred Stevens and of Mr. Whistler. In the plane of the picture, the Affect Stevens and of Mr. Whistier. In the plane of the picture, the treatment of the wall and of the pictures hanging on it, and the affectation of simplicity, we have a clever reminiscence of Mr. Whistier's admirable "Portrait of my Mother" in the Luxembourg, and of his "Portrait of Carlyle" at Glasgow. And in the incisiveness of drawing and handling, there is the quality initiated by M. Stevens and adopted by not a few artists who have profited by his example.

THE LEAGUE FOOTBALL RECORD UP TO DATE. A Special Article and Diagram showing at a glance how three thousand matches have ended, appear in this Week's

GOLDEN PENNY.

The Bystander

" Stand by." - CAPTAIN CUTTLE

By J. ASHBY-STERRY

However bad and inefficient a politician, a philanthropist, a HOWEVER had and inefficient a politician, a philanthropist, a financier, or an author may be, once get him thoroughly well boomed it is a very difficult thing to make the public believe he is an ignorant and incompetent person and an absolute humbug. So it is with insects, animals and materials. Years ago I exposed the bee and made its true character manifest. If I wrote a "Bee Ballad," I fancy it would run somewhat in this wise:—

I am a languid, lazy bee, I ne'er improved a single minute! That Dr. Watts has libelled me— I'm idle, and I glory in it.

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And yet so firmly has the Wattsian theory been dinned into our ears from our earliest youth—that it is difficult to get anyone to believe in the common-sense view of beedom. Aforetime, too, I have exploited wholesome truths with regard to the horse, but I cannot say they have been well received. Now—though I confess to being aghast at my temerity—I wish to have something to say with regard to milk. Is milk the innocent food and the high-principled material that it is generally supposed to be? Have we never heard of epidemics being "traced to milk"? But this branch of the subject involves too many considerations for me to tackle just now. There is an old proverb to the effect that it is no use crying over spilt milk. But I wish to raise my cry on the subject and demonstrate by that means that there is some utility in my proceedings. I have to complain that at restaurants and other places where large quantities of milk are delivered it is generally slopped over on the pavement. The result is that it makes the sidewalk so exceedingly slippery that the time-honoured butter slide that the clown arranges for the policeman in Christmas pantomime is a perfect fool to it. Anyone who has tried a sudden introduction to the flagstones by reason of the milky way will acknowledge his experience is in the highest degree painful, and he will be lucky indeed if he escapes without awkward sprains and severe contusions. Is it too much to ask that the police may give their attention to these inconsiderate milk-spillers? Or shall we have to wait till the Bishop of Budleigh Salterton or some other eminent dignitary of the church has broken his leg, before the authorities bestir themselves in this matter?

This terribly wet and inclement summer reminds one of the weather we had some years ago when I chanced to be sojourning in the Thames Valley. If it happens to be a wet season you will always find it worse in the Thames Valley than anywhere else. It certainly was so on the occasion to which I refer. I have done a great deal of boating of every description in my time, under all kinds of meteorological conditions, but I never recollect being so persistently rained upon as I was during that dismal period. Skies were monotonously leaden and we rarely had a suspicion of sunshine, roads were changed into morasses, the Thames overflowed its banks, the stream was swollen and fierce, and the country flooded in all directions. It was, indeed, a melancholy time, but still it had its gleams of comic relief. One gleam especially occurs to me and causes me, even at the present moment, to lay down my pen and roar with laughter. We were driving through the everlasting downpour, from Chertsey to Staines, when we beheld a melancholy-looking man in a mackintosh, a sou'-wester, and wading-boots sadly endeavouring to make hay in a half-flooded field. He used his fork in a fierce and vindictive manner, and pitched the grass from one part to another in a hopeless and unmethodical fashion. At last, when the rain increased in violence, he jammed the fork into the sopping meadow and left it quivering there. Then he said some were changed into morasses, the Thames overflowed its banks, the sopping meadow and left it quivering there. Then he said something more forcible than polite, gave the whole thing up, and we watched him going splashing down the muddy road at the double, apparently in search of a good stiff glass of hot grog at the "Crown."

"Where can we go," I am asked, "to be free from the danger and "Where can we go," I am asked, "to be free from the danger and annoyance of tram, cycle and motor-car? Is there any place in the country where we can avoid them?" Well, yes, I should think a few of such happy spots might be discovered. At any rate I know of one—that is Cirencester Park in Gloucestershire. This is of vast extent, and contains every variety of the most beautiful sylvan scenery, and is, with the greatest liberality, thrown open to the public by the Earl of Bathurst. There is a wholesome regulation that no cycles, motor-cars, or dogs are admitted within the gates. Of course there are no trams or light railways there, and it is indeed a joy to find such a rural retreat where you are not smothered with the dust of the motor and frightened by its hideous toot-toot, irritated by the clang of the cycle bell, or annoyed by people perpetually whistling for their dogs. whistling for their dogs.

The other day, wandering about in Oxfordshire, I made a pilgrimage to the birthplace of the writer of one of the first books that I read in the days of my childhood—that was "Harry and Lucy." The authoress was Maria Edgeworth, who was born in the house of her grandfather Elers, at Black Bourton, one hundred and thirty-six years ago. Black Bourton is a quaint little village, with a charming old church containing interesting monuments of the Hungerford family, and has probably changed but little since the gifted authoress spent her earliest years there. It was astonishing how the place brought back to my mind a book I had almost forgotten. I could almost fancy the tiny stream from the mill might have been the scene of Harry's bridge-building exploits. In boyhood I read other books by the same hand. Among them one about Eton—I do not remember the title—which struck me as wonderfully interesting. Subsequently I read all her stories and I was reading some of them again the other day with the keenest enjoyment. Probably Miss Edgeworth is not read much in recentimes, but old-fashioned as her work has become, it possesses still a special charm that rivets the attention of the reader.

The Court

DEER drives and partridge and grouse shooting provide the Royal party at Balmoral with plenty of good sport just now. The weather having turned bright and cool, the King, the Prince of Wales, and their guests have been out nearly every day in the Royal forests and preserves. An especially successful deer drive took place during Lord Kitchener's and Mr. Balfour's stay, while Prince Arthur of Connaught's arrival on a visit to the King adds another good shot to the Royal guns. There is a continual succession of visitors at the Castle, some coming to stay a night or two, like Lord Hopetoun and Sir Michael Herbert—our new Ambassador at Washington—and others being entertained only to lunch or like Lord Hopetoun and Sir Michael Herbert—our new Ambassador at Washington—and others being entertained only to lunch or dinner. On Sunday morning King Edward attended Service at Crathie Church, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales with their eldest boy and Prince Arthur of Connaught, when the Rev. Dr. Russell, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, preached. Before leaving the Highlands King Edward will spend a few days with the Duke and Duchess of Fife Mary Lodge to shoot in the Duke's forests, and will start south. at Mar Lodge to shoot in the Duke's forests, and will start south-wards in the second week of October, stopping on the way to town to visit the Grand Duke Michael and Countess Torby at Keele Hall, Staffordshire. He is expected at Buckingham Palace about the 9th prox., and in the following week will be at Newmarket both for the promised shooting with the Duke of Cambridge and to be present at the October race-meeting.

The Royal visit to the City is fixed at last for Saturday, October 25, and is formally announced as the "Royal Progress through the Streets of London," originally planned for the June Coronation programme. But the coming "Progress" will be on a much simpler scale, as there will be neither foreign Princes and representatives nor Indians and Colonials in the procession. Probably the military display will be very fine, however, and it is hoped that all the Guards will be home from South Africa in time. As yet arrangements for the route, number of troops, &c., are not complete, but it is so far decided that the King and Queen will go to the Guildhall for the banquet, and afterwards come home by a circuitous route through South London. Various addresses will be presented en route; the most important, however, that of the City of London, being delivered in the Guildhall Library, instead of outside the Mansion House, as fixed in June. On the following day (Sunday) their Majesties will attend a Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's.

Two crowned heads are expected this autumn to visit King Edward. Possibly King Carlos of Portugal will be here next month for a few days, while the German Emperor has fixed his long-promised visit for November. The Emperor William means his visit to be quite private, so that he will join the King at Sandringham and probably not come to London at all. He will travel to Portsmouth in his yacht during the first week of November, and will bring only a small suite, the German Ambassador in London and our Ambassador at Berlin, Sir Frank Laseelles, having been invited to meet him. The Emperor will be at Sandringham for the King's birthday. He will stay a week.

Queen Alexandra is always welcomed back most warmly to her old home, so she received the very heartiest of greetings on arriving in Denmark. Her Majesty and Princess Victoria had a very pleasant three days' voyage across the North Sea in the Victoria and Albert, the British cruiser Galatea meeting the Royal yacht off Skagen, in Jutland, to accompany her to Elsinore. The Victoria and Albert reached the Danish roadstead late in the evening, and early next morning the Danish Royal yacht Dannebrog brought out the Kings of Dannards and Greege and numerous members of the the Kings of Denmark and Greece and numerous members of the Royal Family to welcome the Queen and Princess. The vessels then steamed up to Copenhagen, escorted by the Danish Training Squadron amidst salutes from the warships and the forts, and after the Royal party had lunched on board the English yacht, they landed amidst enthusiastic greetings from huge crowds. On Sunday Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria attended the Harvest Sunday Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Service at the British Church of St. Alban in Copenhagen. Dinner-parties generally take place every night at the Castle, and the Queen takes long drives in the neighbourhood with King Christian. Queen Alexandra comes home about October 21.

In readiness for the handing over of Osborne House to the nation, the pictures and art treasures collected by Queen Victoria have been divided between Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle. The local charities of Windsor will benefit largely by the King's decision to devote to them the small charge now made for inspecting the Castle. From £150 to £160 have been generally taken in the week, the number of visitors being larger than ever before. This year the King has allowed the public to visit the Sandringham grounds during the summer.

The Prince and Princess of Wales probably leave the Highlands next week for town, whence they go to Sandringham later on. This week the Prince is to stay with the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, at Gordon Castle, Banffshire, for some salmon-fishing in the Spey.

The Duke of Connaught will travel to India for the Delhi Durbar in the battleship Renown, and there is some idea of the Crown Prince of Germany going with him. The only obstacle to the young Prince's trip is that the Emperor William does not like interrupting his studies at the Bonn University. The Duke of Connaught presented new colours to the 4th Battalion of the Royal Warmish him Regional to Duke of Tuendae. Warwickshire Regiment at Dublin on Tuesday.

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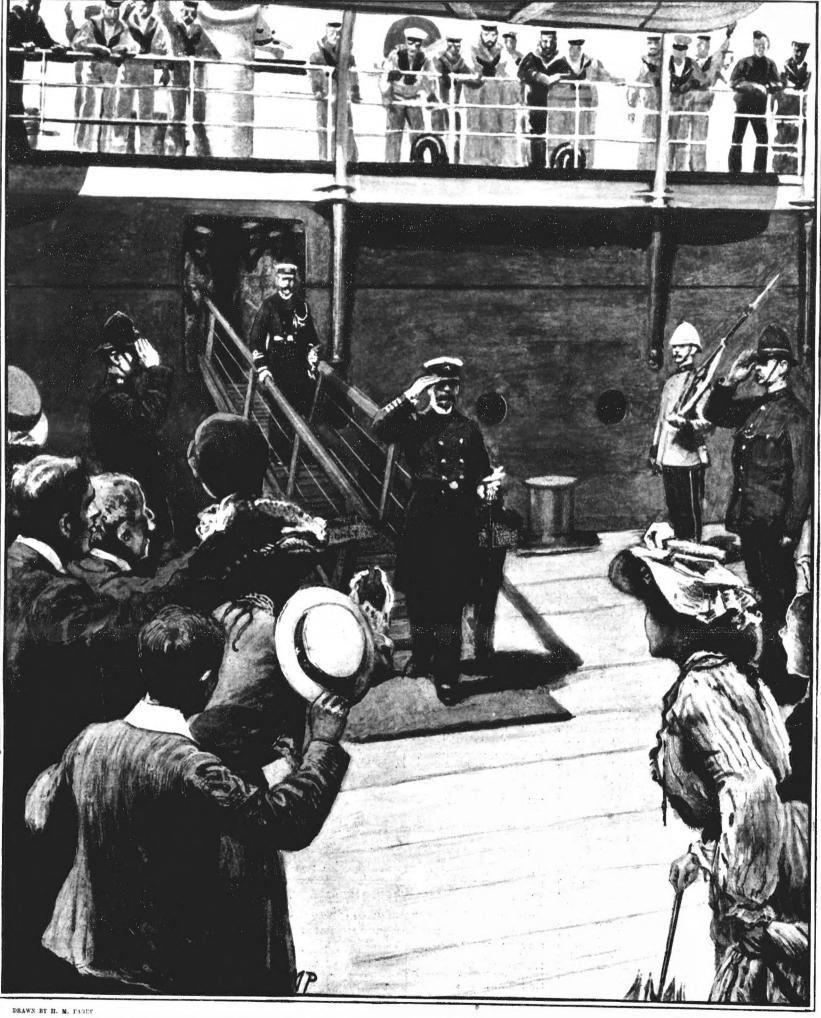
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H.M.S. Terrible was welcomed home at Portsmouth last week with the utmost enthusiasm. Major Dupree, Mayor of Portsmouth, accompanied by Mr. Stevenson, scretary to the Entertainment Committee, visited the cruiser, and saw Captain Percy Scott, when it was arranged that the crew should leave the ship at six

THE RETURN OF H.M.S. "TERRIBLE": CAPTAIN PERCY SCOTT COMING ASHORE AT PORTSMOUTH



THE NEW CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT WHICH IS TO BE ERECTED ON THE SITE OF NEWGATE



DRAWN BY GEORGE SOPER

1. The police lighting the gas, escorted by Carabiniers.

2. Soldiers distributing bread.

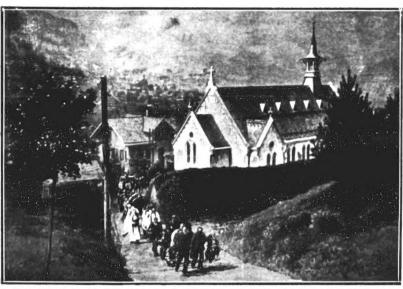
3. The mob preventing peasants from bringing in provisions.

4. Arrest of a picket outside a workshop

THE GENERAL STRIKE IN FLORENCE: EVERYDAY SCENES IN THE STREETS



THE LATE FRITZ BOHREN Killed by lightning on the Wetterhorn Photo by Nikles, Interlaken



THE FUNERAL OF THE REV. R. B. FEARON AND THE GUIDE SAMUEL BRAWAND



THE LATE MR. H. C. D. FEARON Killed by lightning on the Wetterhorn Photo by the London Stereoscopic Company



C. D. FEARON AND THE GUIDE SAMUEL BRAWAND AT THE From a Photograph found in the Camera of the Rev. R. Feard

The Metterhorn Disaster

THE Rev. A. Cyril Pearson writes: -- "As another Alpine season closes, marked so unhappily by THE Rev. A. Cyril Pearson writes:—"As another Alpine season closes, marked so unhappily by frequent disasters, a special interest attaches to this excellent portrait of Fritz Bohren, who was lost on the Wetterhorn with Mr. Henry Fearon on the morning of August 20. A typical guide, athletic and intelligent, he was thoroughly equipped by training and experience to face all difficulties, and he ran no foolhardy risks. With his fellow-guide and the two brothers Fearon he took shelter in the half-way hut during a violent thunderstorm, and at daybreak they started for the summit. It was an ideal morning, for every cloud had rolled away. Climbing for six hours, they reached the Matterhorn's white crest, when a sudden storm-cloud charged with lightning struck them down, and passed at once, leaving clear skies and lasting sunshine overhead, and on the height two lifeless forms, but no traces of their companions."

The accompanying photographs have a pathetic interest. When the body of the Rev. R. Fearon was discovered, his kodak was strapped to him. The films of the two photographs which we reproduce were in the camera and were evidently the last taken by the unfortunate owner of the instrument. The funeral of the Rev. Robert B. Fearon and the guide, Samuel Brawand, took place at Grindelwald. The four clergymen shown in our illustration walking in front of the coffin were the Rev. W. Woodward (uncle of the Fearon brothers), Canon McCormick, the Rev. A. Cyril Pearson, and the Rev. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield. The bodies of Mr. Henry Fearon and the guide Bohren have since been discovered, and on Wednesday they were buried beside the graves of the Rev. R. Fearon and the guide Brawand. Our photograph of the funeral procession is by Ormison Smith Brothers.

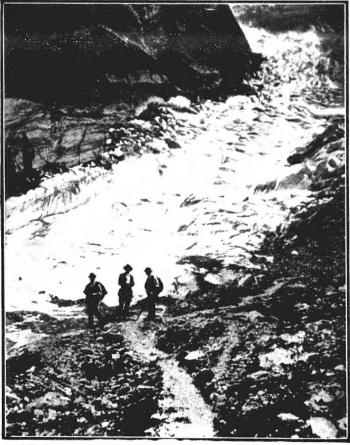
The Aew Central Criminal Court

The competition for the new Sessions House for the City of London, or Central Criminal Court, was, it will be remembered, won by Mr. E. W. Mountford, F.R.I.B.A. The illustration we publish this week shows what the appearance of the building will be when it is completed. The great difficulty of the architect was to provide all the accommodation required in an impressive and dignified manner, the area of the site being somewhat limited. Mr. Mountford has met these requirements by a system of mezzanine floors which allows considerable height for the larger rooms and offices without the waste of space incurred by giving the same height to smaller rooms. The principal entrance to the building is from the Old Bailey and is 14ft. wide. Immediately facing it is the chief staircase, rising from the entrance hall, which has an area of about 1coft. by 40ft. Above there is a large central hall and another large court and two smaller courts. The walls of the new building are to be built of Portland stone, and the courses of the stonework of the principal elevation are to be made of the same height as those in the present external walls of Newgate, with the idea of using as much as possible of the old stonework. The ground floor is taken up by cells and rooms for the storage of records, while the

floor above the courts is occupied by counsels' robing-rooms, solicitors' rooms and other offices. The courts are to be lighted entirely from the roof, the outer skylights being of rough plate glass, while the inner domes will be glazed with white cathedral or window glass. The space between will be warmed in order to prevent draughts. to prevent draughts.

The General Strike at Morence

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"The general strike at Florence began in a foundry where the men demanded more wages and fewer hours. The strike spread through the city, many people being unwillingly obliged to join it out of fear. The streets were crowded with excited groups of workmen more or less angrily discussing the situation. All the shops were closed, and troops were poured into the city. The mob allowed no provisions to come into the town; we were reduced to eating stale bread and got no fruit—an unheard-of thing in Florence at this season. We also had to borrow bits of candle, as there was very little gas, the soldiers at the works not being able to manage it (one poor man was killed in the attempt). The streets were almost in darkness, all the cafés, usually so brilliantly lighted and filled with gay crowds, were closed. One was inclined to ask, 'Are we in a state of siege or has some great calamity befallen the nation?' On the third day of this state of things, bread was brought round in the morning by soldiers, who also had to do a good deal of unaccustomed service, such as lighting the street lamps. They had not always time to put the gas lamps out in the morning, or forgot, for sometimes the lamps were still alight at eight o'clock, with a brilliant sun shining. The tragedy of the situation appeared when one saw women with their children in the streets crying, as there was no longer bread in the house. This state of A CORRESPONDENT writes :- "The general strike at Florence began in a foundry the streets crying, as there was no longer bread in the house. This state of discomfort lasted some days, and it will yet take some time before the workmen settle down again, though some compromise has been made with them."



C. D. FEARON AND THE GUIDES BRAWAND AND BOHREN From a Photograph found in the Camera of the Rev. R. Fearon

THE DISASTER ON THE WETTERHORN

Our Portraits

MR. HENRY RIVERSDALE GRENFELL, of Bacres Lodge, Hambleden, Henley on Thames, for very many years a Director of the Bank of England, and formerly

a well-known politician, who died last w...'., was the second son of Mr. Charles Pascoe Grenfell, M.P., of

Charles Pascoe Grentell, M.P., of Taplow Court, Bucks, by his mar-riage with Georgiana Molyneux, daughter of the second Earl of Sefton. He was born on April 5,

1824, and was educated at Harrow and at Christ Church, Oxford. Devoting himself, after a short time spent in business, to political life, he was private secretary to Lord

Panmure (afterwards Earl of Dal-

Paris Jottings

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDEN

Now that everybody is back in Now that everybody is back in town the weather has undergone a change for the better, which makes most people regret their premature return. For the last week it has been simply perfect, neither too hot nor too cold. The cab companies, which had begun to bring out their closed vehicles, those harbingers of winter, have hastened to withdraw them, and have replaced them by the open victoria. But they evidently do victoria. But they evidently do not trust the Clerk of the Weather, for all day long a procession of closed cabs can be seen making its way to the Quai de la Tournelle to have the official inspection carried out and the planue affixed, giving them permission to ply in the streets. The confidence of the cab proprietors in the duration of the present sunshine is so small that they approach the three three characteristics.

that they announce that the open cabs will be withdrawn on the 1st of October instead of the 15th, the usual date. After the deplorable experience of the last six months nobody can blame them.

But as the seasons have been topsy-turvy, there is no reason why the months of October and Novem-ber should not resemble May or April.

The summer theatres are closing one by one. The Ambassadeurs, the Alcasar d'Été, and the Jardin de Paris led the way, and now the Théâtre de Martigny has followed suit. The theatres of the boulevards have opened one by one, and in ano, her week the winter theatrical season of 1902 will be in full swing. So far none of the managers have dared to produce any novelties, and have contented themselves with reviving old pieces, th ugh some of them are so old as to have again become novelties to the new generation. If the managers of Paris theatres are to be believed, last managers of Paris theatres are to be believed, last year was simply a disaster for them; all of them lived on their losses. It is curious, however, that in spite of this state of things, there are twenty candidates for every theatre that may happen to fall years.

M. Camille Pelletan has returned from his now famous voyage, and M. Deleassé will probably be able to sleep at nights now that he is relieved from further fear of indiscretions on the part of his too exuberant colleague of the Marine. M. Pelletan, when he started out to visit Tunis and Corsica, remembered that he was a former journalist, and accorded for the first time to his confrères of the Press the right to travel on a French warphing. and accorded for the first time to his confreres of the Press the right to travel on a French warship. The result has not been encouraging. The Minister of Marine's journalistic satellites deemed it their duty to show their gratitude by recording every word uttered by him, thereby nearly disturbing the peace of Europe. Not only did they in their zeal receid all he said, but, if M. Belleton is to be believed awarded to the confidence of the peace of the pea

if M. Pelletan is to be believed, much that he did not say. "Save



THE LATE PROFESSOR HUMMEL Of Yorkshire College, Leeds



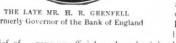
THE LATE REAR-ADMIRAL BURGES WATSON and in the Mediterranean



Formerly Gover

from my friends" will probably be the reflection of the chief of

France's navy. As the Prime Minister has deemed it necessary to formally disayow the utterances of his too exuberant colleagues, the Minister of War and the Minister of Marine, it cannot be said



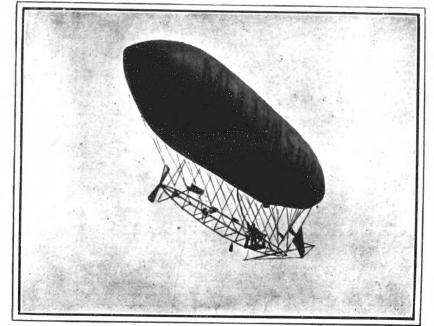
Panmure (afterwards Earl of Dalhousie) during the Crimean War, and to Sir Charles Wood (afterwards viscount Halifax) at the India Office after the Mutiny, but on the death of his brother gave up official work and reionded the management of his father's commercial business. He did not, however, quit political life, but was returned in the Liberal interest for Stoke-upon-Trent, at a hy-election in September, 1862. He was re-elected at the General Election of 1865, and represented that constituency until the Dissolution of 1868. At the General Election of that year he stood with Mr. Gladstone for South-West Lancashire against Mr. (now Viscount) Cross and Mr. Charles Turner. The contest ended in the decisive defeat of the Liberal candidates. Mr. Grenfell did not again enter Parliament, an attempt which he made at Barnstaple at the General Election of 1880 against the late Sir Robert Carden also being unsuccessful. Few men were better known in the City than Mr. Grenfell. From 1881 till 1883 he was Governor of the Bank of England and be was a director of conventions of the surface of the Bank of England and be was a director of conventions of the Bank of From 1881 till 1883 he was Governor of the Bank of England, and he was a director of several important business undertakings. Our portrait is by Elliott and Fry, Baker Street.

> Rear-Admiral Burges Watson, the second in command in the Mediterranean, who died at Malta command in the Mediterranean, who died at Malta on Sunday, was born on September 24, 1846. He entered the Navy in 1860, became lieutenant in 1866, commander in 1879, and captain in 1885. In 1898-9 he was a Naval A.D.C. to Queen Victoria. He was appointed Superintendent of Pembroke Dockyard in 1896, and afterwards, and until he became second in command of the Mediterranean fleet, he was the Superintendent of the Malta Dockyard. He became rear-admiral in August, 1899. Our portrait is by West and Son, Southsea.

Professor John James Hummel, whose death occurred at Glasgow, was principal of the dyeing department of the Yorkshire College, Leeds. In 1880 he became instructor of dyeing at the college, and was afterwards appointed to a professorship.

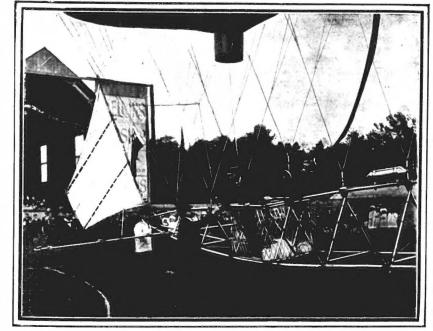
Professor Hummel was a Fellow of the Institute of Chemists, the author of a work on the dyeing of textile fabrics, and wrote numerous papers on dyeing and bleaching. Our portrait is by Rosemont. Leeds.

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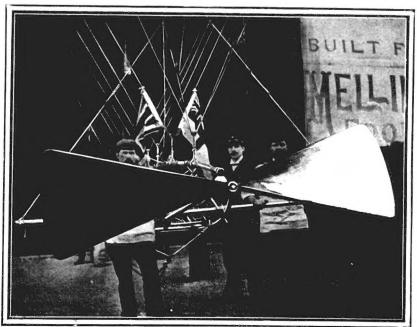
WELL ON THE WAY

that the present Cabinet will meet the Chamber next month with that united front which is desirable in any Ministry, but more than anywhere in a French Ministry.



MR. SPENCER READY TO START

The airship which Mr. Stanley Spencer successfully sailed across London from the Crystal Palace is a huge cigar-shaped gas bag, with a framework beneath in which the aeronaut sits. It weighs 650lb., of which 200lb. is the weight of the 3½ horse-power petrol motor, which supplies the propelling force. At present a supply of oil



THE PROPELLING APPARATUS

sufficient only for a two hours' sail can be carried, but Mr. Spencer, who is contemplating the construction of a larger machine, states that he will greatly increase the capacity of the petrol tank. It should be stated that this was the first time an airship had ever crossed over London.



THE BEST OF FRIENDS": THE FAREWELL BANQUET TO THE YEOMARRY IN THE DURE OF RICHBOROUGH'S HALL (ACT II.

M.R. CECIL RALEIGH'S NEW DRAMA AT DRURY LANE

DRAWN BY W. HATHERELL, R.I.



""Here is something else,' said the officer, drawing the roll of Marcus's cherished letter from her breast 'Not that, not that' the poor girl gasped. 'Gire it here,' said Simeon, stretching out his lean hand"

PEARL-MAIDEN: A TALE OF THE FALL OF JERUSALEM

By H. RIDER HAGGARD. Illustrated by BYAM SHAW

CHAPTER XVI.

THE SANHEDRIM

THE Jewish soldiers haled Miriam roughly through dark and tortuous streets, bordered by burnt-out houses, and up steep stone slopes deep with the débris of the siege. Indeed, they had need to hasten, for, lit with the lamp of flaming dwellings, benind them flowed the tide of war. The Romans, driven back from this part of the city by that day's furious sally, under cover of the night, were re-occupying in overwhelming strength the ground that they had lost, forcing the Jews before them and striving to cut them off from their stronghold in the Temple and that part of the Upper City which they still held.

The party of Jews who had Miriam in their charge were returning

The party of Jews who had Miriam in their charge were returning to the Temple enclosure, which they could not reach from the north or east because the outer courts and cloisters of the Holy House were already in possession of the Romans. So it happened that they were obliged to make their way round by the Upper City, a long and tedious journey. Once during that night they were driven to cover antil a great company of Romans had marched past. Caleb wished to

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attack them, but the other captains said that they were too few and weary, so they lay hid for nearly three hours, then went on again. After this there were other delays at gates still in the hands of their own people, which one by one were unbolted to them. Thus it was not far from daylight when at length they passed over a narrow bridge that spanned some ravine and through massive doors into a vast, dim place which, as Miriam gathered from the talk of her captors, was the inner enclosure of the Temple. Here, at the command of that captain who had ordered her to be slain, she was thrust into a small cell in one of the cloisters. Then the men in charge of her locked the door and went away.

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Sinking exhausted to the floor, Miriam tried to sleep, but could not, for her brain seemed to be on fire. Whenever she shut her eyes there sprang up before them visions of some dreadful scene which she had witnessed, while in her ears echoed now the shouts of the victors, now the pitiful cry of the dying, and now again the voice of the wounded Marcus calling her "Most Beloved." Was this indeed so, she wondered? Was it possible that he had not forgotten her during those years of separation when there must have been so many lovely ladies striving to win him, the rich, high-placed Roman lord, to be their lover or their husband? She did not know, she could not tell: perhaps, in such a plight, he would

have called any woman who came to save him his Most Beloved, yes, even old Nehushta, and even then and there she smiled a little at the thought. Vet his voice rang true, and he had sent her the ring, the pearls and the letter, that letter which, although she knew every word of it, she still carried hidden in the bosom of her robe. Oh! she believed that he did love her, and, believing, rejoiced with all her heart that it had pleased God to allow her to save his life, even at the cost of her own. She had forgotten. There was his wound—he might die of it. Nay, surely he would not die. For her sake, the Essenes who knew him would treat him well, and they were skilful leeches; also, what better nurse than Nehushta could be found? Ah! poor Nou, how she would grieve over her. What sorrow must have taken hold of her when she heard the rock door shut and found that her nursling was cut of and captured by the Iews.

heard the rock door shut and found that her nursing was cut off and captured by the Jews.

Happy, indeed, was it for Miriam that she could not witness what had chanced on the further side of that block of stone; that she could not see Nehushta beating at it with her hands and striving to thrust her thin fingers to the latch which she had no instrument to lift, until the bones were stripped of skin and flesh. That she could not hear Marcus, come to himself again but unable to rise from off his knees, cursing and raving with agony at her loss, and

because she, the tender lady whom he loved, for his sake had fallen into the hands of the relentless Jews. Yes, that she could not hear him cursing and raving in his utter helplessness, till at length the brain gave in his shattered head, and he fell into a fevered madness, that for many weeks was unpierced by any light

of reason or of memory. All this, at least, was spared to her.

Well, the deed was done and she must pay the price, for without a doubt they would kill her, as they had a right to do, who had a count they would kill her, as they had a right to do, who had saved a Roman general from their clutches. Or if they did not, Caleb would, Caleb whose bitter jealousy, as her instinct told her, had turned his love to hate. Never would he let her live to fall, perchance, as his share of the Temple spoil, into the hands of the Roman rival who had escaped him.

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It was not too great a price. Because of the birth doom laid upon her, even if he sought it, and fortune brought them together again, she could never be a wife to Marcus. And for the rest she was weary, sick with the sight and sound of slaughter and with the misery that in these latter days, as her Lord had prophesied, was come upon the city that rejected Him and the people who had slain Him, their Messiah. Miriam wished to die, to pass to that home of perfect and eternal peace in which she believed; where, mayhap, of perfect and eternal peace in which she believed; where, mayhap, it might be given to her in reward of her sufferings, to watch from afar over the soul of Marcus, and to make ready an abode for it to dwell in through all the ages of infinity. The thought pleased her, and lifting his ring, she pressed it to her lips which that very night had been pressed upon his lips, then drew it off and hid it in her hair. She wished to keep that ring until the end, if so she might. As for the pearls, she could not hide them, and though she loved them as his gift—well, they must go to the hand of the spoiler, and to the necks of other women, who would never know their tale. their tale.

This done Miriam rose to her knees and began to pray with the vivid, simple faith that was given to the first children of the Church. She prayed for Marcus, that he might recover and not forget her, and that the light of truth might shine upon him; for Nehushta, that her sorrow might be soothed; for herself, that her end might be merciful and her awakening happy; for Caleb, that his heart might be turned; for the dead and dying, that their sins might be forgiven; for the little children, that the Lord of Pity would have pity on their sufferings; for the people of the Jews, that He would lift the rod of

His wrath from off them; yes, and even for the Romans, though for these, poor maid, she knew not what petition to put up.

Her prayer finished, once more Miriam strove to sleep and dozed a little, to be aroused by a curious sound of feeble sighing, which seemed to come from the further side of the cell. By now the dawn was streaming through the stone lattice-work above the doorway, and in its faint light Miriam saw the outlines of a figure with snowy hair and beard wrapped in a filthy robe which had once been white. At first she thought that this figure must be a corpse thrust here out of the way of the living, it was so stirless. But corp es do not sigh as this man seemed to do. Who could he be? she wondered. A prisoner like herself, left to die, as, perhaps, she would be left to die? The light grew a little. Surely t'here was something familiar about the shape of that white head. She crept thing familiar about the shape of that white head. She crept nearer, thinking that she might be able to help this old man who was so sick and suffering. Now she could see his face and the hand that lay upon his breast. They were those of a living skeleton, for the bones stood out, and over them the yellow skin was drawn like shrivelled parchment; only the deep sunk eyes still shone round and bright. Oh! she knew the face. It was that of shone round and bright. Oh? she knew the face. It was that of Theophilus the Essene, a past president of the order indeed, who had been her friend from earliest childhood and the master who taught her languages in those far-off happy years which she spent in th: village by the Dead Sea. This Theophilus she had found dwelling with the Essenes in their cavern home, and none of them had welcomed her more warmly. Some ten days ago, against the advice of Ithiel and others, he had insisted upon creeping out to take the air and gather news in the city. Then he was a stout and ball old page, although yale found dwelling in the darkness. advice of Ithiel and others, he had insisted upon creeping out to tale the air and gather news in the city. Then he was a stout and hale old man, although pale-faced from dwelling in the darkness. From that journey he had not returned. Some said that he had fled to the country, others that he had gone over to the Romans, and yet others that he had been slain by some of Simon's men. Now she found him thus!

Miriam came and bent over him.

Master," she said, "what ails you? How came you here?" Ie turned his hollow, vacant eyes upon her face.

Who is it that speaks to me thus gently?" he asked in a feeble ice.
"I, your ward, Miriam."
"Miriam. Miriam! What does Miriam in this torture-den?"

"Master, I am a prisoner. But speak of yourself."
"There is little to say, Miriam. They caught me, those devils, and seeing that I was still well-fed and strong, although sunk in years, demanded to know whence I had my food in this city of starvation. To tell them would have been to give up our secret and to I ring doom upon the brethren, and upon you, our guest and lady. I refused to answer, so, having tortured me without avail, they cast me in here to starve, thinking that hunger would make me speak. But I have not spoken. How could I who have taken the oath of the Essenes, and been their ruler. Now at length I die."

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"Oh! say not so," said Miriam, wringing her hands.
"I do say it and I am thankful. Have you any food?"

"Yes, a piece of dried meat and barley bread, which chanced to be in my robe when I was captured. Take them and eat."

"Nay, Miriam, that desire has gone from me, nor do I wish to live, whose days are done. But save the food, for doubtless they will starve you also. And, look, there is water in that jar, they gave it me to make me live the longer. Drink, drink while you can, who to-morrow may be thirsty."

For a time there was silence, while the tears that gathered in Miriam's eyes fell upon the old man's face.

"Weep not for me," he said presently, "who go to my rest. How came you here?"

She told him as briefly as she might.

"You are a brave woman," he said when she had finished, "and

"You are a brave woman," he said when she had finished, "and that Roman owes you much. Now I, Theophilus, who am about to die, call down the blessing of God upon you, and upon him also

for your sake, for your sake. The shield of God be over you in the slughter and the sorrow.

Then he shut his eyes and either could not or would not speak

Miriam drank of the pitcher of water, for her thirst was great. Crouched at the side of the old Essene, she watched him till at length the door opened, and two gaunt, savage-looking men entered, who went to where Theophilus lay and kicked him

What would you now?" he said, opening his eye

"Wake up, old man," cried one of them. "See, here is flesh," and he thrust a lump of some filthy carrion to his lips. "Smell it, taste it," he went on, "ah! is it not good? Well, tell us where is that store of food which made you so fat who now are so thin, and you shall have it all, yes, all, all.

Theophilus shook his head.

"Bethink you," cried the man, "if you do not eat, by sunrise to-morrow you will be dead. Speak then and eat, obstinate dog,

it is your last chance."
"I eat not and I tell not," answered the aged martyr in a yo like a hollow groan. "By to-morrow's sunrise I shall be dead, and soon you and all this people will be dead, and God will have judged each of us according to his works. Repent you, for the hour is at

Then they cursed him and smote him because of his words of illomen, and so went away taking no notice of Miriam in her corner. When they had gone she came forward and looked. His jaw had

fallen. Theophilus the Essene was at peace.

Another hour went by. Once more the door was opened and there appeared that captain who had ordered her to be killed. With

him were two Jews.

"Come, woman," he said, "to take your trial."

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"The Sanhedrim, or as much as is left of it," he answered.
"Stir now, we have no time for talking."
So Miriam rose and accompanied them across the corner of the vast court, in the centre of which the Temple rose in all its glittering. majesty. As she walked she noticed that the pavement was dotted with corpses, and that from the cloisters without went up flames and smoke. They seemed to be fighting there, for the air was full of the sound of shouting, above which echoed the dull, continuous

thud of battering rams striking against the massive walls.

They took her into a great chamber supported by pillars of white marble, where many starving folk, some of them women who carried or led hollow-cheeked children, sat silent on the floor, or wandered to and fro, their eyes fixed upon the ground as though in aimless search for they knew not what. On a dais at the end of the search for they knew not what. On a dats at the end of the chamber twelve or fourteen men sat in carved chairs; other chairs stretched to the right and left of them, but these were empty. The men were clad in magnificent robes, which seemed to hang ill upon their gaunt forms, and, like those of the people in the hall, their eyes looked scared and their faces were white and shrunken. These were all who were left of the Sanhedrim of the Jews.

As Miriam entered one of their number was delivering judgment upon a wretched starving man. Miriam looked at the judge. It was her grandfather, Benoni, but oh! how changed. He who had been tall and upright was now drawn almost double, his teeth showed yellow between his lips, his long white beard was ragged and had come out in patches, his hand shook, his gorgeous head-

dress was awry. Nothing was the same about him except hi eyes, which still shone bright but with a fiercer fire than of old. They looked like the eyes of a famished wolf.

"Man, have you aught to say?" he was asking of the prisoner.

"Only this," the prisoner answered. "I had hidden some food, my own food, which I bought with all that remained of my fortune. Your hyeena men caught my wife, and tormented her until she showed it them. They fell wron it and with their converges, at it nearly m. They fell upon it, and, with their comrades, ate it nearly My wife died of starvation and her wounds, my children of starvation, all except one, a child of six, whom I fed with remained. Then she began to die also, and I bargained with what remained. Then she began to die also, and I bargained with the Roman, giving him jewels and promising to show him the weak place in the wall if he would convey the child to his camp and feed her. I showed him the place, and he fed her in my presence, and took her away, whither I know not. But, as you know, I was caught, and the wall was built up, so that no harm came of my treason. I would do it again to save the life of my child, twenty times over, if needful. You murdered my wife and my other children, murder me also if you will. I care nothing."

"Wretch," said Benoni, "what are your miserable wife and children compared to the safety of this holy place, which we defend against the enemies of Jehovah. Lead him away, and let him be slain what remained.

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"I go," said the victim, rising and stretching out his hands to the guards, "but may you also all be slain in the sight of the Romans, you mad murderers, who, in your lust for power, have brought doom and agony upon the people of the Jews."

Then they dragged him out, and a voice called—"Bring in the post traiter."

next traitor

Now Miriam was brought forward. Benoni looked up and new her.

'Miriam?" he gasped, rising to fall back again in his seat, "Miriam, you here?"
"It seems so, grandfather," she answered quietly.
"There is some mistake," said Benoni. "This girl can have

Let her be dismissed." harmed none.

The other judges looked up.
"Best hear the charge against her first?" said one suspiciously, while another added, "Is not this the woman who dwelt with you at Tyre, and who is said to be a Christian?"
"We do not sit to try questions of faith, at least not now,"

answered Benoni evasively. "Woman, is it true that you are a Christian?" queried one of the

Sir, I am," replied Miriam, and at her words the faces of the

Sanhedrim grew hard as stones, while someone watching in the crowd hurled a fragment of marble at her.
"Let be for this time," said the judge, "as the Rabbi Benoni

says, we are trying questions of treason, not of faith. Who accuses this woman, and of what?"

A man stepped forward, that captain who had wished to put Miriam to death, and she saw that behind him were Caleb, who looked ill at ease, and the Jew who had guarded Marcus.

"I accuse her," he said, "of hiving released the Roman prefect, Marcus, whom Caleb here wounded and took prisoner in the fighting yesterday, and brought into the Old Tower, where he was laid till we knew whether he would live or die."

"The Roman prefect, Marcus?" said one. "Why, he is the friend of Titus, and would have been worth more to us than a hundred common men. Also, throughout this war, none has done us greater mischief. Woman, if, indeed, you let him go, no death can repay your wickedness. Did you let him go?"

"That is for you to discover," answered Miriam, for now that Marcus was safe she would tell no more lies.

"This renegade is insolent, like all her accursed sect," said the

"This renegade is insolent, like all her accursed sect," said the judge, spitting on the ground. "Captain, tell your story, and be

He obeyed. After him that soldier was examined from whose hand Miriam had struck the lantern. Then Caleb was called and asked what he knew of the matter.

"Nothing," he answered, "except that I took the Roman and saw him laid in the tower, for he was senseless. When I returned the Roman had gone, and this lady Miriam was there, who said that he had escaped by the doorway. I did not see them together, and know no more."

"That is a lie," said one of the judges roughly. "You told the

"That is a he," said one of the judges roughly. "You told the captain that Marcus had been her lover. Why did you say this?"
"Because years ago by Jordan she, who is a sculptor, graved a likeness of him in stone," answered Caleb.
"Are artists always the lovers of those whom they picture, Caleb?" asked Benoni, speaking for the first time.
Caleb made no answer, but one of the Sanhedrim, a sharp-faced man, named Simeon, the friend of Simon, the son of Gioras, the Realot, who sat next to him, cried, "Cease this foolishness; the daughter of Satan is beautiful; doubtless Caleb desires her for himthis foolishness the self; but what has that to do with us, though?" he added vindictively, it should be remembered against him that he is striving to hide the

"There is no evidence against this woman, let her be set free,"

So we might expect her grandfather to think," said Simeon, with sarcasm. "Little wonder that we are smitten with the Sword of God when Rabbis shelter Christians because they chance to be of their house, and when warriors bear false witness concerning them because they chance to be fair. For my part I say that she is guilty, and has hidden the man away in some secret place. Otherwise why did she dash the light from the soldier's hand?"

"Mayhap to hide herself lest she should be attacked," answered

another, "though how she came in the tower, I cannot guess."
"I lived there," said Miriam. "It was bricked up until yesterday and safe from robbers."

So!" commented that judge, "you lived alone in a descried tower like a bat or an owl, and without food or water. Then these must have been brought to you from without the walls, perhaps by some secret passage that was known to none, down which you loosed the Prefect, but had no time to follow him. Woman, you are a Roman spy as a Christian well might be. I say that she is worthy of death

Then Benoni rose and rent his robes,

"Does not enough blood run through these holy courts?" he asked, "that you must seek that of the innocent also? What is your oath? To do justice and to convict only upon clear, unshaken testimony. Where is this testimony? What is there to show that the girl Miriam had any dealings with this Marcus, whom she had not seen for years? In the Holy Name I protest against this seen for years? iniquity.

It is natural that you should protest," said one of his brethren. "It is natural that you should protest," said one of his brethren. Then they fell into discussion, for the question perplexed them sorely, who, although they were savage, still wished to be honest. Suddenly Simeon looked up, for a thought had struck him.

"Search her," he said. "She is in good case, she may have food, or the secret of food, about her, or," he added—"other things."

Now two hungry-looking officers of the court seized Miriam and rent her robe open at the breast with their rough hands, since they would not be at the pains of loosening it.

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"See," cried one of them, "here are pearls, fit wear for so fine a lady. Shall we take them?"

"Fool, let the trinkets be," answered Simeon angrily. "Are we

common thieves?

"Here is something else," said the officer, drawing the roll of Marcus's cherished letter from her breast.

"Not that, not that," the poor girl gasped.

"Give it here," said Simeon, stretching out his lean hand.

Then he undid the silk case and, opening the letter, read its first nes aloud.

"To the lady Miriam, from Marcus the Roman, by lines aloud. the hand of the Captain Gallus.' What say you to that, Benoni and brethren? Why, there are pages of it, but here is the end: 'Farewell, your ever faithful friend and lover, Marcus.' So, let Farewell, your ever faithful friend and lover, Marcus.' So, let those read it who have the time; for my part I am satisfied. This woman is a traitress; I give my vote for death."

"It was written from Rome two years ago," pleaded Miriam; but no one seemed to heed her, for all were talking at once.

"I demand that the whole letter be read," shouted Benoni.

"We have no time, we have no time," answered Simeon.

"Other prisoners await their trial, the Romans are battering at our gates. Can we waste more precious minutes over this Christian.

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spy? Away with her," and Simon the son of Gioras, and the others nodded their heads in assent.

Then they gathered together discussing the manner of her end, while Benoni stormed at them in vain. Not quite in vain, how-

"So be it," said their spokesman, Simon the Zealot. "This is our sentence on the traitress—that she suffer the common fate of traitors and be taken to the upper gate, called the Gate Nicanor,

that divides the Court of Israel from the Court of Women, and bound with the chain to the central column that is over the gate, where she may be seen both of her friends the Romans and of the of Israel whom she has striven to betray, there to perish people of Israel whom she has striven to betray, there to perish of hunger and of thirst, or in such fashion as God may appoint, for so shall we be clean of a woman's blood. Yet, because of the prayer of Benoni, our brother, of whose race she is, we decree that this sentence shall not be carried out before the set of sun, and that if in the meanwhile the traitress elects to give information that shall

lead to the recapture of the Roman prefect, Marcus, she shall be set at liberty without the gates of the Temple. The case is finished. Guards, take her to the prison whence she came."

So they seized Miriam and led her thence through the crowd of onlookers, who paused from their wanderings and weary searching of the ground to spit at or curse her, and thrust her back into her cell and to the company of the cold corpse of Theophilus the

Essene.

Here Miriam sat down, and partly to pass the time, partly because she needed it, ate the bread and dried flesh which she had left hidden in the cell. After this sleep came to her, who was tired out, and the worst being at hand, had nothing more to fear. For four or five hours she rested sweetly, dreaming that she was a girl again, gathering flowers on the banks of Jordan in the spring season, till at length a sound caused her to awake. She looked up to see Benoni standing before her.

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"What is it, grandfather?" she asked.

"Oh! my child," groaned the wretched old man, "I am come here at some risk, for because of you and for other reasons they suspect me, those wolf-hearted men, to bid you farewell and to ask your pardon."

"Why should you ask my pardon, grandfather? Seeing things

as they see them, the sentence is just enough. I am a Christian, and—if you would know it—I did, as I hope, save the life of Marcus, for which deed my own is forfeit."

"How?" he asked.

"That, grandfather, I will not tell you."
"Tell me, and save yourself. There is little chance that they will take him, since the Jews have been driven from the Old

will take him, since the Jews have been driven from the Ord Tower."

"The Jews might recapture the tower, and I will not tell you. Also, the lives of others are at stake, of my friends who have sheltered me, and who, as I trust, will now shelter him."

"Then you must die, and by this death of shame, for I am powerless to save you. Ves, you must die tied to a pinnacle of the gateway, a mockery to friend and foe. Why, if it had not been that I still have some authority among them, and that you are of my blood, girl though you be, they would have crucified you upon the wall, serving you as the Romans serve our people."

"If it pleases God that I should die, I shall die. What is one life among so many tens of thousands? Let us talk of other things while we have time."

"What is there to talk of, Miriam, save misery, misery?" and again he groaned. "You were right, and I have been wrong. That Messiah of yours whom I rejected, yes, and still reject, had at least the gift of prophecy, for the words that you read me yonder in Tyre will be fulfilled upon this people and city, aye, to the last letter. The Romans hold even the outer courts of the Temple; there is no food left. In the upper town the inhabitants devous each other and die, and die till none can bury the dead. In a day or two, or ten-what does it matter?-we who are left must perish also by hunger and the sword. The nation of the Jews is trodden out, the smoke of their sacrifices goes up no more, and the Holy House that they have builded will be pulled stone from stone, or serve as a temple for the worship of heathen gods."

"Will Titus show no mercy? Can you not surrender?" asked

Miriam.

"Surrender? To be sold as slaves or dragged a spectacle at the wheels of C.esar's triumphal car through the shouting streets of Rome? No, girl, best to fight it out. We will seek mercy of Jehovah and not of Titus. Oh! I would that it were done with, for my heart is broken, and this judgment is fallen on me—that I, who, of my own will, brought my daughter to her death, must bring her daughter to death against my will. If I had hearkened to you, you would have been in Pella, or in Egypt. I lost you, and, thinking you dead, what I have suffered no man can know. Now I find you, and because of the office that was thrust upon me, I, even I, from whom your life has sprung, must bring you to your doom."

"Grandfather," Miriam broke in, wringing her hands, for the grief of this old man was awful to witness, "cease, I beseech you, cease. Perhaps after all I shall not die."

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He looked up eagerly, "Have you hope of escape?" he asked.
"Perchance Caleb..."

"Nerchance Caleb....."

"Nay, I know naught of Caleb, except that there is still good in his heart, since at the last he tried to save me—for which I thank him. Still, I had sooner perish here alone, who do not fear death in my spirit, whatever my flesh may fear, than escape hence in his company."
"What then, Miriam? Why should you think----?" and he

"I do not think, I only trust in God and—hope. One of our faith, now long departed, who foretold that I should be born, foretold also that I should live out my life. It may be so—for that woman was holy, and a prophetess."

As she spoke there came a rolling sound like that of distant thunder, and a voice without called:

"Rabbi Benoni, the wall is down. Tarry not, Rabbi Benoni, for

they seek you."

"Alas! I must begone," he said, "for some new horror is fallen upon us, and they summon me to the council. Farewell, most beloved Miriam. May my God and your God protect you, for I cannot. Farewell, and if, by any chance, you live, forgive me, and try to forget the evil that, in my blindness and my pride, I have brought upon yours and you, but oh! most of all upon myself."

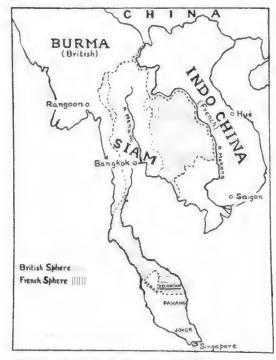
Then he embraced her passionately and was gone, leaving Miriam weeping.

(To be continued)

The Latest Siamese Puzzle

By ARCHIBALD R. COLCUHOUN

ALTHOUGH there is only the shadow of a foundation for the report, recently published in Paris, that a regiment of Sikhs had "occupied" Kelantan (a Malay State under Siamese suzerainty), yet there are elements in the situation which may lead to awkward ences. It is well known that Siam has for some time been



MAP ILLUSTRATING THE BRITISH AND FRENCH "SPHERES OF INPLUENCE" IN SIAM AND MALAY PENINSULA

restive under the attempted aggressions of the French, and a restive under the attempted aggressions of the French, and a Siamese envoy has been recently sent to Paris to arrange a modus vivendi, if possible. While the negotiations are still going on comes the report of this "occupation" by Sikh troops, supposed to have been despatched from Singapore, and immediately the Colonial party in France clamour for similar advances from the French sphere. Only a few weeks ago French Chauvinists got up a scare on account of the supposed employment by Siam of 1,500 Sikh soldiers under British



The speeches of M. Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine, have excited much comment, and the French Premier has had practically to dissociate himself from the hostile utterances of his colleague, with regard to Italy, Germany, and England, made during a tour in Corsica, and to explain them away. Our photograph is by C. Chusseau Flaviens

THE FRENCH MINISTER OF MARINE MAKING A SPEECH

This report was founded on the fact that about 150 Indians were engaged at Bangkok on police duties under a couple of civilian police officers. The present army of occupation is found on inquiry to dwindle down in the same way to thirty Punjabis employed by the Rajah of Kelantan as a bodyguard.

These exaggerations and misunderstandings, al surd though they eem, have their origin in the unsatisfactory and unstable condition of Siamese affairs. Ever since the signature, in 1896, of the "declaration" by which Great Britain and France guaranteed to Siam the integrity of the territory embraced in the basin of the Menam and neighbouring rivers, together with the coast line from Muong Bang Tapan on the west to Muong Pasé on the east, France has regretted her share of the bargain, for the sphere of which she gained possession has proved of little worth, and at the same time she has eyed with disfavour the increasing influence of Britain in

Siam is the last remaining tropical Oriental kingdom to retain its independence, and with the example of Japan it has made efforts to preserve its national existence by adopting Western civilisation. The reforms introduced do not, however, go very deep, and it is to be The reforms introduced do not, however, go very deep, and it is to be feared that the Siamese are too indolent a people to carry through their schemes to a logical and practical conclusion. Among their aspirations has been that of reasserting their power in the native States of the Malay Peninsula. These States are governed by native Rajahs, and are peopled by Mohammedan Malays. The British Government controls certain of these States, chiefly by means or advisers or residents at the native courts. The most northern States under British control are Perak and Pahang, and immediately to the north of these lie the States of Kedah, Patani, Kelantan, and Tringganu. Over these Siam claims suzerainty, and has imitated Britain in sending residents, who, however, have not conducted themselves in British fashion, but have oppressed and antagonised the people, with the result that the Rajahs have appealed to Singapore for protection, and failing to get it, have taken steps to protect themselves from their unwelcome and unruly visitors.

visitors.

The genuine grievances of the Malay Rajahs, and the disorders prevailing in their territories adjoining the British-protected Malay States, which are rapidly becoming models of progress and good government, make it difficult to avoid an extension of British influence if the evils are to be remedied. At the same time the temper of the French is well illustrated by their excitement over the supposed advance on Kelantan, and the situation is, as can be seen from this brief excusult a delicate and difficult one which may seen from this brief *resume*, a delicate and difficult one which may well exercise the wits of diplomatists in Downing Street and the Quai d'Orsay.

"Place aux Dames"

BY LADY VIOLET GREVILLE

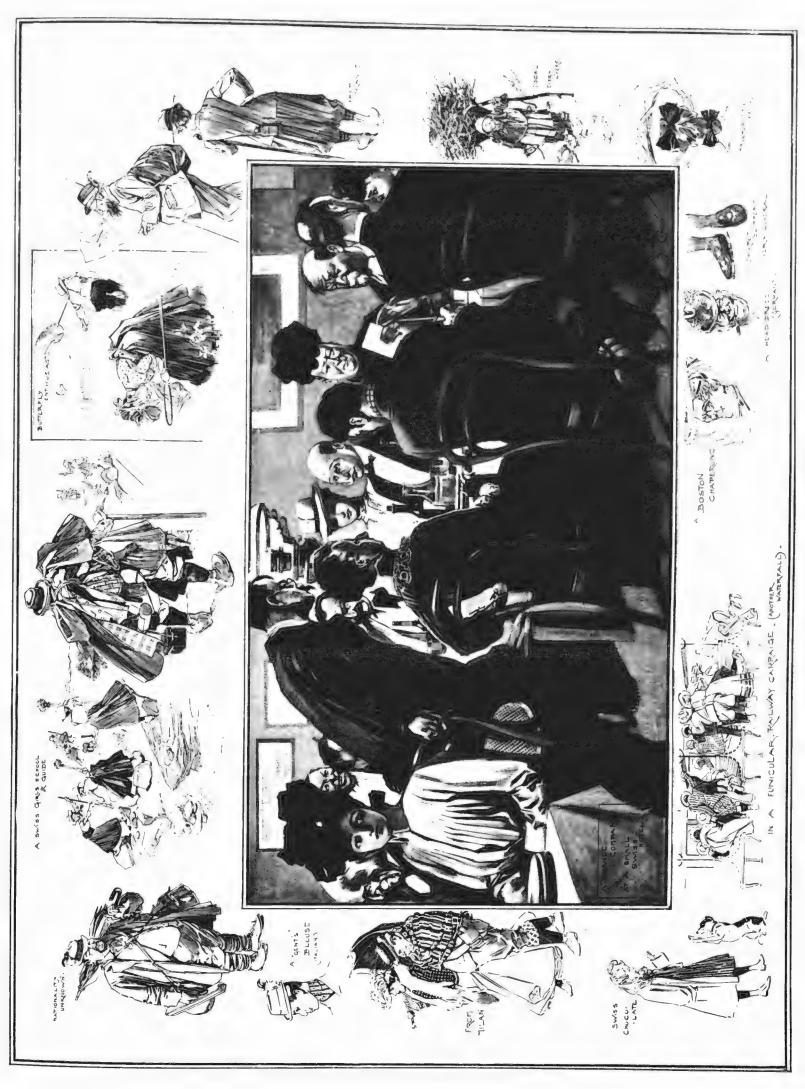
IT seems that stealing children has become an agreeable way of venting your spite against their mothers. Several cases have occurred lately of discharged servants adopting this mode of revenge. One little boy was stolen twice, after he had been recovered the first time, and in other instances the babies were only found after considerable trouble. One scarcely understands such short-sighted action on the part of servants, who must inevitably suffer in the long run; but that nurses are not generally very conscientious was exemplified on another occasion when the master and mistress of the thouse returned late to be met by the policeman, who informed them that all the servants were out. In answer to their doubts, he added that he knew where they were, and would show them if they liked. Accompanied by the faithful official, the fond father and mother proceeded to a low kind of dancing-hall, where they found all their servants dancing merrily, and the babies hung up in baskets round the wall! It is not always easy to identify a young baby without its clothes, and one distracted father could not swear to his own child. Such revelations ought to convince mothers that vulgar, uneducated women are the very worst companions for their children, and that ladies by birth and breeding are the proper guardians of youth.

I was present at a children's ball in France the other day where the ages of the children ranged from two to eight or nine. What struck me most was not their skill in dancing, or their neat and graceful steps. They had none. Some of them even possessed no idea of me most was not their skill in dancing, or their heat and gracedusteps. They had none. Some of them even possessed no idea of time, and they moved quite happily and wrongly to their heart's content. But the one trait peculiar to all the children was their perfect self-possession and absence of self-consciousness. A large circle of parents and strangers sat round and looked on, but these strange children appeared not to know it. They were like little men and women who have seen the world and are perfectly accustomed to its conditions. All the sweet caprice and awkwardness of childhood—its shyness, its embarrassed grace, its innocence and freshness—were wanting. This self-possession of young creatures has, no doubt, its advantages. Ripened by precocious experience, they do not ask so much of the ideal in life; they know what they want, and they generally manage to obtain it. We see this exemplified in the American character. But against that, is not childhood, with its joys and sorrows, a precious gift? Is not its unconsciousness a preparation for the future in which the character is strengthened, and a peculiar freshness of outlook maintained to later years? Those who have had a happy childhood surely develop into better men and women for it.

Someone has said that never did women expend so much time, trouble, and money on their dress as they do now. It amazes me sometimes to see the way girls dress who, one knows, have only a very limited income. Yet scarcely ever do they make anything for themselves. It is the fashion now to fly to shops for everything required in the household. Women rarely put their hand to useful things, while needlework is almost obsolete. Yet no woman is so well dressed as she who makes her own clothes, if she has once mastered the art, and a very valuable one it is in these days, when girls are constantly emigrating or marrying in the Colonies, where luxuries are scarce and good servants almost impossible to get. A lady who married straight from school went out to Florida and found herself obliged to cook and do all the house-work, also to learn to ride and shoot with a revolver in the event of her husband's absence. That woman is now one of the best dressed women I know, for she can make everything and do everything.



SNAPSHOTS AT BARNET FAIR
From Photographs by Lewis Medland



HOLIDAY SKETCHES IN SWITZERLAND

Queen Marie Benriette of Belgium

Outcom Marie Dienviette of Delguin Tradition has it that sorrow and trouble always overshadow the members of the Imperial House of Hapsburg. Certainly the life of the late Queen of the Belgians—by birth an Austrian Archduchess—supported the belief, for death and family troubles saddened her existence from very early years, and eventually made her almost a recluse. Marie Henriette Anne, second daughter of the Archduke Ioseph of Austria, Palatine of Hungary, was only seven teen when she married Leopold, Duke of Brabant, then heir to the new Belgian Throne. The match was not thought very brilliant at the time, for the Belgian Kingdom was of too recent foundation to be quite secure. However, the Royal pair were married in 1853, first by proxy at the historic palace of Schonbrunn, where the Archduchess was born, and afterwards at Brussels, thus reviving the old union between Au tria and the Netherlands. Highly educated, the bride thoroughly appreciated a honeymoon tour afterwards at Brussels, thus reviving the old union between Au-tria and the Netherlands. Highly educated, the bride thoroughly appreciated a honeymoon tour in the East a greater novelty for Royalty then than now. Three daughters and a son were born to the Duke and Duchess of Brahant, and the mother was especially devoted to the only boy. In 1865 Leopold I, died, and the young couple had scarcely ascended the throne before the first shadow of trouble fell in the execution of Maximilian of Austria, married to King Leopold's sister, the unhappy Empress Charlotte. Queen Marie Henriette then simply devoted herself to her widowed sister in-law, and for years never missed a day in visiting the Empress. Next came the death of the little Duke of Brahant when only ten years old, and the Queen herself declared that she never knew an hour's happiness after losing her son. From that time the Queen took as little part in public functions as possible, and devoted herself to charitable works and to the education of her daughters. The two elder married in due course, both unions provand to the education of her daughters. The two elder married in due course, both unions proving unhappy. Princess Louise, who was united to Prince Philip of Coburg, was eventually separated from her husband, while the marriage of Princess Stéphanie and Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria ended in tragedy. One more death was another blow to the Queen—the loss of her was another blow to the Queen—the loss of her nephew, Prince Baudoin, regarded as the heir to the Crown. The tastes of King Leopold and Queen Marie Henriette differing widely, the Queen withdrew more and more from public life, and spent all her leisure time in the Ardennes, making Spaher Feadquarters. In the winter she was at Laeken

her headquarters. In the winter she was at Laeken with the King, but directly spring came the Queen was away with her youngest daughter, Princess Clémentine, to Spa, where she could drive about free and unnoticed. In her younger days she was a fine horsewoman, but recently driving was her greatest pleasure, and Her Majesty and her ponies were familiar sights in the remote Ardennes villages, where the Queen would stop at the humble inns for her ponies to feed and would chat with the people in the most friendly way as she took some simple meal. She would drive many miles to attend any famous church, for Her Majesty was a highly devout Roman Catholic, as unostentatious in her piety as in her devout Roman Catholic, as unostentatious in her piety as in her charity. Her benevolence and interest in the poor were most genuine, but were kept so secret that few of those whom she so

freely helped knew whence the help came. A most accomplished woman, the Queen was particuwoman, the Queen was particularly devoted to music, playing both the harp and piano brilliantly, and being the composer of one opera, Wanda. Of late years the Queen's health had failed greatly, and she remained almost critical at Sua, where she built ntirely at Spa, where she built herself a charming house. Several times her life was despaired of, but she got over the ill-ness, and when a fresh attack



THE COUNTESS LONYAT (PRINCESS STEPHANIE) Photo by Otmar von Turk, Vienna



BORN AUGUST 23, 1886 DIED SEITEMBER 19, 1902 THE LATE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS From a Photograph by the London Stereoscopic Company

of asthma occurred a few days since she seemed to recover once more. Indeed, so far was the end unexpected that King Leopold was taking a cure at Bagneres-de-Luchen, nor was Princess Clementine with her mother. The Queen had sat down to dinner when a sudden heart-failure carried her off in a few moments, before even the doctor in the house could reach her. She was just sixty-six years of age. Queen Marie Henriette played no part in politics, and was comparatively little known to the majority of her subjects, but she will be genuinely incurned by her people for her kindness of heart, her many clarities and good works,

kindness of heart, her many charities and good witks, and her blameless life.

The funeral of the Queen is quite in keeping with her simple tastes. There was no formal lyingsin-state, but at Spa the public were allowed to pass before the coffin as it rested in the room adjacent to the late Queen's bedchamber, and arranged as a chapelle ardente. The first of the family to arrive after the death was the Princess Clementine, the Queen's youngest daughter, and she was soon followed by Princess Stéphanie, now Countess Lonyay, who was in the mortuary chamber Princess Clémentine, the Queen's youngest daughter, and she was soon followed by Princess Stéphanie, now Countess Lonyay, who was in the mortuary chamber when King Leopold arrived. His Majesty has never forgiven his daughter for her second marriage, so he would not enter the room when she was there, and Princess Clémentine had to fetch her sister away. Princess Stéphanie was terribly upset by the King's attitude and left Spa at once, going to Brussels, where she attended a Requiem Mass at the Church of St. Jacques. The Princess afterwards left for Calais, where she joined her husband, and later attended a funeral service at the church of Notre Dame. A Requiem Mass was celebrated at Spa on Monday morning—by the late Queen's wish and the body was then removed to Brussels en rente for the family vault at Lacken, where Queen Marie Henriette will lie by the side of her beloved only son and Prince Baudoin. Her Majesty had wished to be buried at Spa, but this was contrary to precedent, so the body, on arriving at Prussels, was placed on a funeral car and taken in procession to Lacken. The final funeral ceremony takes place to-day, and none but immediate relatives will attend King Edward proposed that the Duke of Connaught should represent him, but King Leopold decided that no foreign representatives should be present. Our Court, however, will go into mourning for three weeks Court, however, will go into mourning for three weeks

The Photographic Salon

NINE years ago a body of earnest photographers, Nine years ago a body of earnest photographers, consisting of both professional and amateur workers, bound themselves into a brotherhood known as the "linked ring," and their praiseworthy, but hardly attainable, object was to raise the position of photography, so that it might be recognised as one of the fine arts. Their existence was made known to the public by the opening of a small exhibition of their works, at the Dudley Gallery, Piccadilly, and this exhibition has been repeated year by year under the title "The Photographic Salon," so that the one which opened last Friday is the tenth of the series.

America lately seems to have awakened to the new method of handling the camera and lens, and pictures

method of handling the camera and lens, and pictures have found their way to this country which surpass in their eccentricity the most extravagant dreams of the impressionist

their eccentricity the most extravagant dreams of the impressionist school of workers. The new converts have been apparently welcomed with open arms, for we find, on reference to the catalogue of the present Exhibition at the Dudley Gallery, that no fewer than one-third of the works hung are of Transatlantic origin. The Photographic Salon is, indeed, like other things just now, suffering from the American invasion, and this has had the effect of arresting its growth, and throwing it back to its crude beginnings.

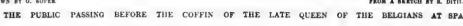
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Port" by Mr. Stoiber, which is an excellent study of shipping; a portrait of Mr. Mitchell, by J. a portrait of Mr. Mitchell, by J. S. Lee; a good picture of an old peasant woman knitting, by Mrs. Sears; a finely lighted study, by Mr. Keighley, called "Ironing Day;" an evening effect by M. Paul Bourgeois; an Eastern scene, taken with his well-known skill, by Mr. Ashton; a clever portrait study by Mr. Craigie; and a breezy view of sand dunes at Camber, by Lord Maitland.



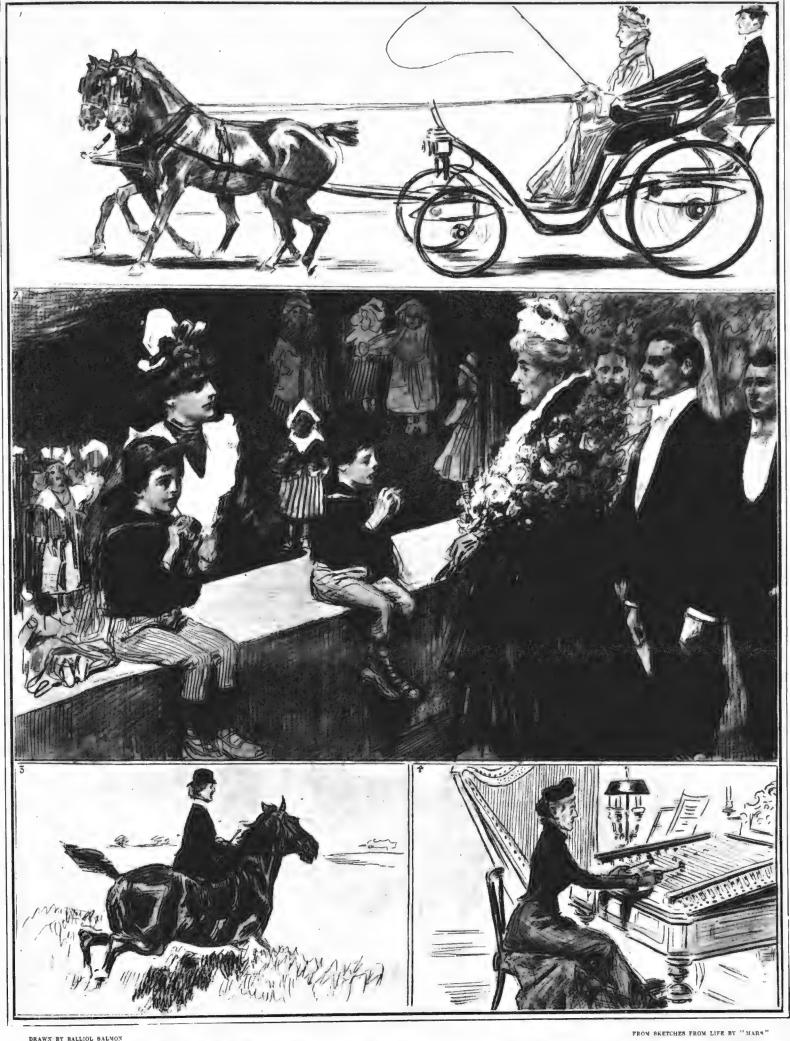
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1. Her Majesty driving a victoria and pair.

2. Her Majesty at a great charity fête: opening a bazaar in the Parc de Sept Heures.

3. Her Majesty as a horsewoman.

4. Her Majesty playing the cembalo, her favourite Hungarian instrument

THE LATE QUEEN OF THE BELGIANS: HER MAJESTY'S HOME LIFE AT SPA



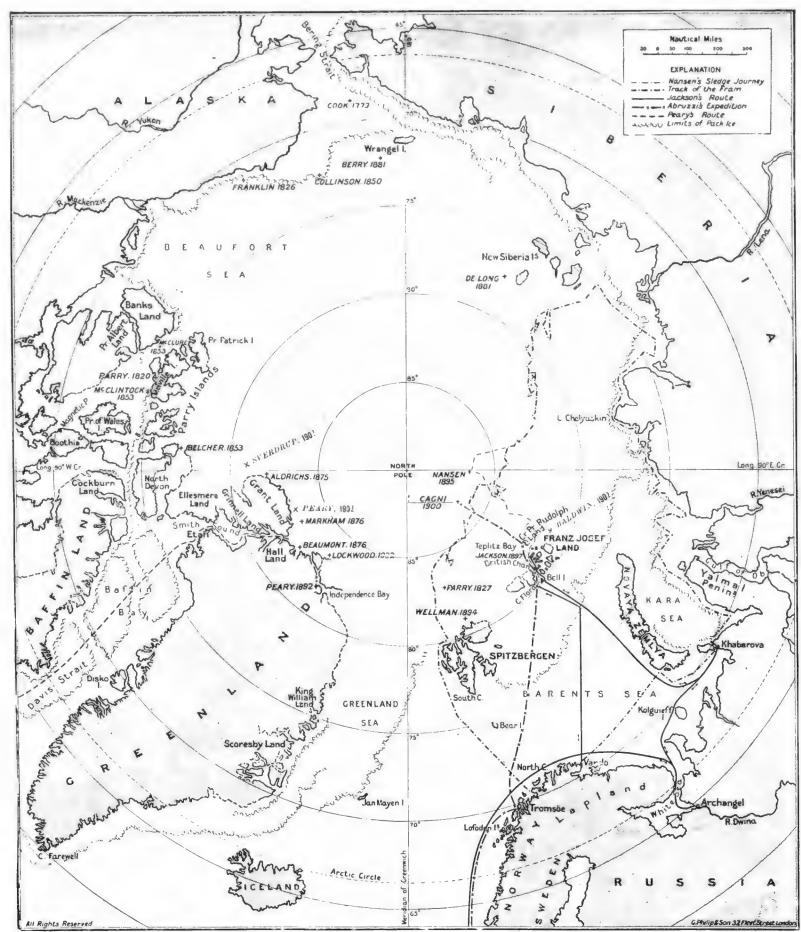
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MAP OF THE ARCTIC REGIONS, SHOWING THE FARTHEST POINTS NORTH REACHED BY RECENT EXPEDITIONS

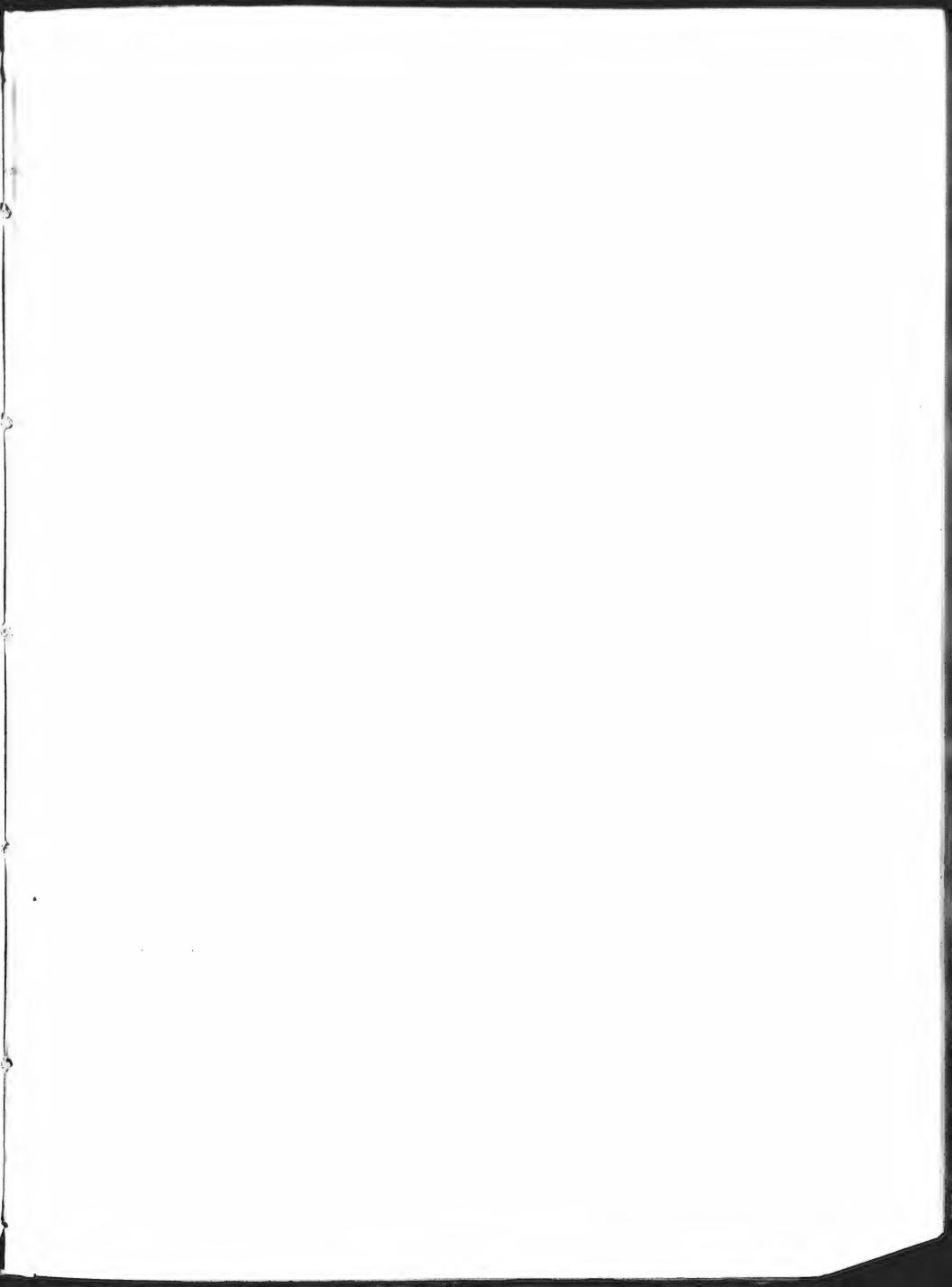
Recent Arctic Expeditions

By Capt. F. G. JACKSON, Leader of the Jackson-Harmsworth

THE passion for adventure is inherent in our race, let alone our inborn love of the sea, and the interest of scientific curiosity which prompts men to go in search of the unknown. Thus, since the sixteenth century, when Sir Hugh Willoughby left the Thames with his three ships in quest of the North-West Passage, we have always taken a lively interest in Polar research. The best known expedition of the nineteenth century, although preceded by many others worthy of note, is Sir John Franklin's, whose heroic exploits and tragic fate, perishing closely within reach of the desired goal, deservedly endeared him to his countrymen. The results, when placed beyond all doubt by one of the parties sent in search of the missing explorers, cooled the national ardour for some considerable time, and it was not until 1875 that the representations of a few distinguished scientific men, backed by a small following of men jealous of the ancient honour of their country as pioneers of

geographical discovery, led to a fresh attempt at Arctic exploration. The object of the new expedition, as defined by Her Majesty's Government, was "to attain the highest northern latitude and, if possible, reach the North Pole, and explore from winter quarters the adjacent coasts within the reach of travelling parties, the limits of ship navigation being confined within about the meridians of 20 deg. and 90 deg, west longitude." The ships specially selected for this expedition were the Alert and Discovery. The chief command was given to Captain Nares, an officer who, as mate on board the Resolute and as captain of the Challenger, had already gained some knowledge of Arctic navigation as well as experience in conducting scientific investigations. Of the four routes, the Smith Sound route, the sea route between Greenland and Spitzbergen, the Franz Josef Land route and the Behring Straits route, the first-named was chosen, in the belief that, although the alleged existence of an open Polar sea might probably prove a vain and fond imagination, it would be possible to reach a high northern latitude with the aid of sledges. The vessels left on May 29, 1875, and crossed the Arctic circle on July 4. After carrying on sundry explorations in the Polar sea, the two vessels parted company. The Discovery

took up its winter quarters close to the shore of Lady Franklin's Sound, whilst the Alert proceeded by way of Robson's channel, and anchored in the vicinity of Floeberg Beach. The sombre features of Arctic scenery are graphically described by Captain (now Admiral) Markham. Few, he says, "are prepared for the utter dreariness which a long continuance of misty weather with a snow-charged atmosphere produces. No shadows or sky-line being visible, no measure of height or distance can be formed. The land and the ice-covered sea masked alike with snow are indistinguishable, and present a foggy appearance which is only found to be unreal when some dark object intercepts the view. A protracted experience of the Cimmerian darkness which reigns in the northern latitudeswas gained at a later period when the vessels were wrapped in an atmosphere of more or less gloom for a period of about 140 days. But the gallant men and their able leaders made light of the discomforts to which they were daily exposed. A domeshaped snow house, eight feet in diameter, had been constructed for the accommodation of the Alert party, and the men found plenty of occupation during the dreary winter months. The daily routine was breakfast at 7.30, after which a general muster on the deck.

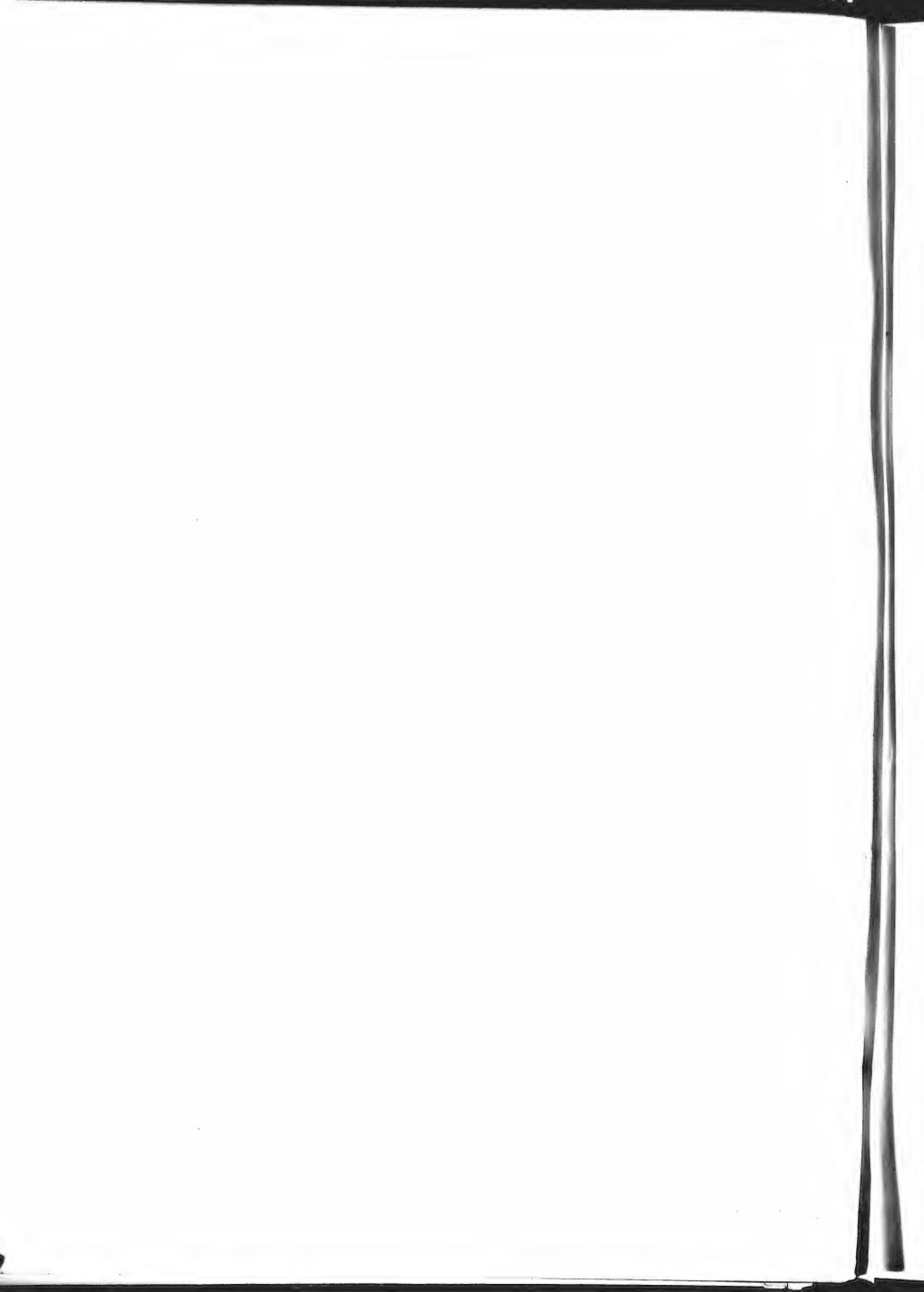




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Then, after prayers, and before the midday meal, the officers engaged in scientific observations and records, whilst the hands were employed either on board or in other necessary work.

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THE JACKSON-HARMSWORTH EXPEDITION

A more recent British Polar Expedition is known as the "Jackson-Harmsworth" Expedition. It was in 1893 that Mr. Harmsworth offered to provide the necessity funds for my proposed Harmsworth offered to provide the necessity funds for my proposed expedition. I was thus enabled to undertake a journey to the unknown Arctic regions north of Franz Josef Land. In the seventeenth century this country, which I found to be an "Archipelago of small islands," had been apparently boarded by a whaler. Since then many attempts have been made to gain a fuller knowledge of the land, the most notable expedition previous to mine being the Austro-Hungarian, led by Weyprecht and Payer. I and my six companions spent three years in Franz Josef Land, during which time we thoroughly explored the several islands which constitute the group, establishing our headquarters up on Northbrook Island, group, establishing our headquarters up on Northbrook Island, where we built a hut and named it "Elmwood," out of compliment to Mr. Harmsworth. The record of the work accomplished by the expedition was published in my book, entitled "A Thousand Days" expedition was published in in the reader must refer for fuller details. Among the many important additions to geographical knowledge is the discovery of several islands, and of a sea the most northern ocean in the eastern Polar area, which I named "Queen Victoria Sea." Another noteworthy feature of the expedition was the search for Gillis Land, said to have been discovered in 1707 by a Dutch sailor and named after him. I came to the conclusion, after a very mists, howling blizzards and incessant snowfall, that Gillis Land had no existence in the latitude and longitude laid down in the maps. Thus I materially altered the map of Franz Joseph Land. The moswesterly point of Franz Josef Land I named Cape Mary Harmsworth. From it no land was visible, and the broken-up character of the ice confirmed my conviction that none existed. The scientific observaconfirmed my conviction that none existed. The scientific observa-tions which we made on the meteorological and geological conditions of the country, and the birds and the botany of Franz Josef Land, shed light on matters of extreme importance hitherto most imperfectly known. All travellers should be interested in the important question of scurvy, which has played such sad havoc in the past, not only amongst Arctic explorers, but amongst all those who, far from any civilised centre, depend largely on tinned provisions. I am fully convinced, from my own experience, that this disease arises from the consumption of tainted food, and that the remedy in case of an attack is the substitution of fresh food, not necessarily vegetables. Lime-juice I found to be neither a preventative nor an antidote. I am glad to be able to say that in three years not one of us had an hour's illness, although there were, of course, the usual hardships and privations inseparable from Arctic explorations.

One of the most remarkable episodes during the three years spent in Franz Josef Land was my meeting with Nansen. I did not recognise him at once. We shook hands heartily, and I expressed recognise nim at once. We shook hands neartily, and I expressed the greatest pleasure at seeing him. It then struck me that his features, in spite of the black grease and long hair and beard, resembled Nansen, and Lexclaimed, "Aren't you Nansen?" to which he replied, "Yes, I am Nansen." The expedition returned to England in September, 1897, and the chronicle records that the two things that we enjoyed most on our return to civilisation were a bottle of "Bass" and a slice of roast beef.

NANSEN

The story of the exploits of Nansen is still fresh in the recollection of the majority of our readers, so that it will be unnecessary to dwell on it at any great length. The hackneyed adage that "truth is stranger than fiction," was never more strikingly illustrated than in the thrilling narrative of Nansen's Arctic exploration. After a preliminary journey to Greenland, from which Nansen returned in May, 1889, a fresh expedition was organised under the auspices of the Government in 1892. The exploration was carried out on new and original lines. It is impossible, argued Dr. Nansen, judging from past experience, to sail to the Pole, for everywhere the ice from past experience, to sail to the Pole, for everywhere the ice proved an impenetrable barrier, and has stayed the progress of invaders on the threshold of the unknown regions. An advance by land would have been the best route, only, unfortunately, the land reaching to the Pole apparently does not exist. The idea of reaching the Pole by a balloon was dismissed as a trifle "light as air." The only way which remained open seemed to be to make Nature an ally instead of fighting against her. The find of a number of articles belonging to the ill-fated Jeannette on the coast of Greenland, whither they had floated from the opposite side of the Polar Eea, together with other from the opposite side of the Polar Eea, together with other evidence, led Dr. Nansen to the conclusion that a current flows across the North Pole from Behring Sea on the one side to the Atlantic Ocean on the other, and his plan was, therefore, to make his way into the current on that side of the Pole where it flows northward, and by its help to penetrate into those regions, which all who have hitherto worked against it have sought in vain to reach. Accordingly, the Fram was constructed, a three-masted schooner of great resisting power, the minimum thickness of the sides being twenty-eight inches, and so built as to be lifted by the pressure of the ice instead of being nipped by it. In shape the vessel was

pointed at each end. It was manned by a picked crew, had on board thirty-four dogs specially selected for the purpose. She was provisioned for five years. The expedition left Norway in the summer of 1893, and after delay caused by inaccurate maps and severe weather, anchored off the Sannikit Island, being fastened to a severe weather, anchored off the Sannikit Island, being fastened to a large block of ice. Here, surrounded by immense ice-floes, the good ship stack fast until the break up of the huge ice-packs permitted her to resume her journey. Although the Fram had reached an unparalleled latitude, Nansen was not content to sit still, but, accompanied by Johansen, resolved to push on in quest of the Pole. After a most difficult and exhausting journey, the ice with its lanes and ridges growing worse and worse—the diary records the triumph of 86 deg. 13:6 N.—the travellers were now about 250 miles from the Pole, but further progress northward being impossible, they thought it desirable to retrace their steps in a southern direction. They progressed very slowly, and the a southern direction. They progressed very slowly, and monotony of the life, with the source discomforts undergone I day to day, might well have daunted the stoutest spirits. Nan may to day, might well have daunted the stoutest spirits. Nansen, however, never quailed. At last land was reached. "After two years," he writes, "we again see something rising above that never-ending white in the horizon yonder—a white line which for countless ages has stretched over this lovely sea, and which for millenniums to come will stretch in the same way." The travellers believed themselves in the western part of Franz Josef Land, and as they set foot on the lovely bears. of Franz Josef Land, and as they set foot on the lovely beach, with rose-coloured cliffs overhanging, included in visions of a speedy return to their homes. But their hopes were doomed to disappointment, for the delay arising from the bad weather which suddenly set in, and from other causes, retarded their advance considerably, so that it was found necessary to halt and make preparations for the passing of another winter in the inhospitable North. Winter quarters have a continued, constructed, and the inchanged and deverge in an were accordingly constructed, and the ice-bound explorers, in an atmosphere of semi-darkness, without any books to beguile the weary hours, or the relaxation of outdoor exercise—the cold and darkness made it frequently impossible to leave the hut—and with no companions, spent the desolate months in eating bear and walrus whenever procurable, and sleeping away the remainder of the time. It was not till the spring of 1896 that the explorers were able to resume their homeward journey.

BARON NORDENSKIOLD

Before Nansen, the most illustrious Scandinavian name in the Arctic annals had been undoubtedly that of Baron Nordenskiold, who, before the epoch-making voyage in the Vega, had won fame by his exploration of Spitzbergen, discovered by Barents in 1596, and named by him New Land. The country, to mention only great attempts, had been visited by Lord Dufferin, James Lamont, A. Newton, Weyprecht and Payer, Wilczek, and others whose names are more or less familiar to students of Arctic history. Nordenskiold's, I hind, was done on a much larger and more thereugh scale. He were think, was done on a much larger and more thorough scale. He pene-trated into many parts of the interior hitherto unknown, made a suc-cessful survey of the North-East Land, and was thus enabled to collect cessful survey of the North-East Land, and was thus enabled to collect valuable information of the nature and condition of Spitzbergen. His Siberian voyages in 1875 and 1876, when he sailed through the Karian Sea to the mouth of the Jenesei, were of extreme interest to science as well as to commerce. But the crown of his labours was won in his expedition of 1878 in the Vega. He was the first to round the northernmost point of the old world, Cape Chelyuskin. After a winter of enforced inactivity in the vicinity of Behring Straits among the Chukches, who were not at all bad fellows, and whose civilisation might, perhaps, be profitably copied by us, at least in one respect (husbands never do anything without their wives' consent), the Vega moved on eastward, and Stockholm was reached in April. The problem had been successfully solved, the North-East passage had been discovered.

THE MOST RECENT EXPEDITIONS

But science is a great republic, where all have equal rights and all carnest workers are heartily welcomed. Other nations competed with ourselves and the sons of the Vikings to discover the secret so Snow. Our account of the expeditions must necessarily be brief. In addition to those incidentally mentioned, there was the Norwegian Expedition in 1898, under Captain Sverdrup, and which has just returned. A Russo-Swedish Expedition, under Ergomyshoff and eight officers, carrying on board a portable house, which had cost 1,360% to build, set out in the same year myshoft and cight officers, carrying on board a portable house, which had cost 1,360l. to build, set out in the same year for Spitzbergen, which, owing to the vast masses of ice, was reached with extreme difficulty. The Duke of the Abruzzi—not, by the way, the only Royal explorer, for in 1891, Prince Henry of Bourbon undertook a journey to Spitzbergen—left the fiords of Norway in 1899 on his Stella Polare for the Far North. The august travellers were away for eighteen months. Thoroughly provided with dogs, balloons, and the necessary equipment, they had the satisfaction of reaching the highest point thus far attained, 86 deg. 33 min. N.—the point marked "Cagni" on our map. The Stella Polare had many narrow escapes. The

on our map. The Stella Polare had many narrow escapes. The cold was intense (during the first night when the tent was erected the thermometer registered 17 deg. of frost), and the ship was blocked in the ice during eleven months, provisions running short, and necessitating the cating of dogs' flesh. Of the four parties into which the expedition was split up, the secend never returned. The fourth, after an absence of 105 days, broke the Arctic record.

Passing on to the United States, we have the names of Kane, Hayes, who strongly believed in the existence of an open Polar sea, Hall, who died prematurely, and Greely, who established a station on the eastern coast of Grinnell Land, lat. SI deg. 44 min. N. Welman, an American journalist, reached Cape Tegethoff in July, 1898. The headquarters were erected on the beach where, twenty-five years before, Payer had set foot in Franz Josef Land. The winter was passed in taking scientific observations, and on February 18, 1899. Mr. Welman and three Norwegians and forty-five dogs started for the North. Notwithstanding the ice and violent gales a latitude of 82 deg. east of Rudolph Land was reached. On March 22 Mr. Welman met with a severe accident, and, owing to the terrible weather, the expedition had to

turn back. The point reached was twenty-five miles north-west of the Freeden Islands. Subsequently Mr. Baldwin thoroughly explored Wilcerk, he discovering a large ice-covered island and several smaller islands. Mr. Welman, not discouraged by his comparasmaller islands. Mr. Welman, not discouraged by his comparative failure, still believes that it is possible to reach the Pole by Franz Josef Land. The most widely known amongst American explorers is probably Lieutenant Petry, who has spent ten years in Arctic research. In 1892 and 1/9; he explored Greenland. His journeys were memorable on account of the discovery made by him that the northeastern boundary of that country was an island ending in about lat. 82 N. In 1898, having been presented by Mr. Harmsworth with the Windward, Peary set out once more on a Polar campaign. After severe suffering—seven of his toes had to be amputated owing to frost-bite—and having spent the winter of 1899-1900 among the Eskimo at Etah on the Greenland coast, his intention was to cross Smith Sound to Cape Sabine and to make for Cape Heela, the northerminost point of Grinnell Land. Here he intended to establish his last dejor, from it make his departure he intended to establish his last dejo; from it make his departure on his finishing journey over the crystal waste extending to the Pole. His ill success and return is described below.

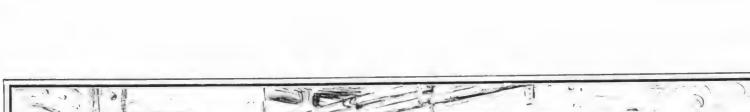
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THE return of three important expedicions from the Arctic regions during the present mouth marks a further stage in Polar exploration.

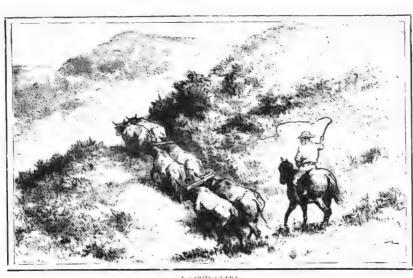
Two of the expeditions—those of Commander Peary and Captain Iwo of the expeditions—those of Commander Peary and Captain Sverdrup—had each been four years in the Arctic circle, and their re urn this autumn had been anticipated. But the third expedition, that under the command of Mr. Evelyn Baldwin, for which the funds have been provided by Mr. Ziegler, one of America's numerous millionaires, returned unexpectedly, with its object unaccomplished. The Baldwin-Ziegler Expedition is distinguished from the other two expeditions by the fact that its avowed object was to reach the Pole, and that exploring and scientific work was a purplu recorder consideration. exploring and scientific work was a purely secondary consideration. As a matter of fact, Mr. Baldwin, who hopes to return next year to Rudolf Land, and to renew his attempt to reach the Pole in the spring of 1904, has mapped a considerable number of islands which were before either wholly unknown or imperfectly surveyed, has secured a number of scientific observations, and has brought back a splendid series of photographs illustrating life in the Arctic regions. He made no attempt to establish a record northing, and the highest point reached on the European-Asiatic side of the Arctic circle still stands to the credit of the Italian Captain Cagni.

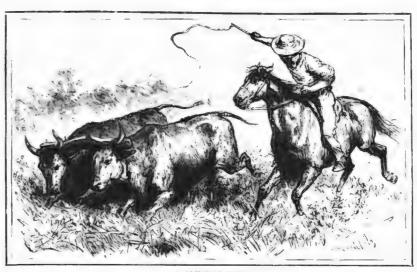
Arctic circle still stands to the credit of the Italian Captain Cagni.
While Mr. Evelyn Baldwin's Expedition operated on the
European-Asiatic side of the circle, both Commander Peary
and Captain Sverdrup selected the American side as their
field of operations. Peary, whose splendid record in the exploration of Greenland has won for him recognition in two continents as one of the foremost Arctic explorers of our time, set out four years ago, in the summer of 1898, with the avowed intention of combining the exploration of the northern coast of the great island continent of Greenland with an attempt of the great island continent of Greenland with an attempt to reach the Pole. His great experience of Arctic work, the care and forethought with which his plans were laid, and the splendid courage and endurance of which he had given proof, justified his friends in hoping that the culminating effort of a life devoted to Arctic exploration might be crowned with success. But so far as his attempt to reach the Pole is concerned, Peary has had to acknowledge failure, and has returned to the United States defeated, it may be, but neither discredited nor disgraced in his struggle against the stupendous forces of Nature in the Frozen North. He did succeed in mapping the northern coast of North. He did succeed in mapping the northern coast of Greenland as far as Independence Bay, and has added largely to the debt which geographers and physical scientists already owed him. He further succeeded in reaching the most northerly point ever attained by civilised man on the American side owed him. He further succeeded in reaching the most northerly point ever attained by civilised man on the American side of the Arctic circle, at 84° 17′, in April of this year. Where both have accomplished such excellent results, comparison would indeed be odious, but the additions made to our knowledge of the Arctic Regions by the Norwegian Expedition, under Captain Sverdrup, are not less interesting and important than those of Commander Peary's last expedition. This was Sverdrup's first important expedition in independent command, but he had already displayed high qualities as an Arctic explorer under his famous countryman, Dr. Nansen. Sverdrup had accompanied Nansen on the first crossing of Greenland, and he was second in command of the first crossing of Greenland, and he was second in command of the Fram on her memorable drift across the Polar Sea. His original design was to pass up Smith Sound and through Robeson Channel, and to explore the northern and north-eastern coast of Greenland. But the ice conditions in the summer of 1898-99 male the realisation of this plan impracticable, and with ready skill Sverdrup devoted himself to the task of exploring the large unknown area which lay west of Ellesmere Land and north of the Parry Islands. His vessel, the reconstructed Fram, never reached any high latitude, and three winters were spent in Jones any high latitude, and three winters were spent in Jones Sound, although during one summer a point to the north of Grinnell Island was reached. Utilising the Fram as his permanent base, Sverdrup organised a number of sledge expeditions to the north and to the west, with the result that he succeeded in laying down the whole of the southern and almost the whole of the western coast line of Ellesmere Land, and in discovering and mapping a number of new islands still further to the westward, thus almost, if not quite, filling up the gap which previous explorers had left in our knowledge of this part of the Arctic circle. The net result of Peary's and Sverdrup's work during the past four years is that, while the Pole still remains unconquered, many important additions have been made to our knowledge both of the geography and of the physical conditions of the North Polar area.

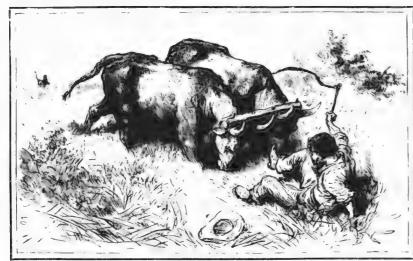


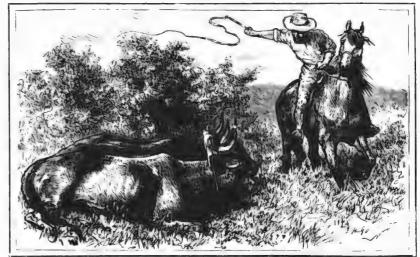


COMMISSIONING A NEW GROG-TUB ON A BATTLESHIP FOR THE CORONATION: FINISHING TOUCHES









THE TROUBLES OF AN AUSTRALIAN CATTLE-DROVER



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BY W. MOY THOMAS

"QUALITY STREET"

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The typical old maid of the stage is, as most people know, a comic personage whose prim peculiarities and harmless vanities are rather unfeelingly treated as fair mark for the dramutist's ridicule. It has been reserved for the author of Quality Street to present confirmed spinsterhood or rather spinsterhood which threatens to become confirmed in a form which directly appeals to the sympathies of the spectator, and is even not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been not without an element of pathos. We are in the gay been dealy special times seems to have reached the little town in which Mr. Barrie's charming beroine, Phoebe Throssell, dwells with her equally sweet and gentle sister Susan. With Susan, who is fast approaching the close of her "thirties," it is a bygone romance which went as far as the preparation of a wedding dress and then faded out of her life for ever. With Phoebe, who is in all the bloom of one-and-twenty, it is but a vague feeling towards a young medical man in the town. A furtive kiss feeling towards a young medical man in the town. snatched by this daring person at an evening party is the only evidence that Pheebe can give of Mr. Valentine Brown's feelings towards her, but when one day he asks permission to visit her Susan jumps to the conclusion that he is coming to make Pheebe an offer of marriage. Mr. Brown, however, has no such intention. It is the time of the Napoleonic Wars, and having determined to enter the Army, he has merely come to bid the ladies farewell. For Pheebe, who makes no effort to conceal her disappointment from her devoted companion, it is a double sorrow; for, owing to injudicious investments, they have lost great part of their little fortune, and can only keep the old home over their heads by opening a children's school, becoming in consequence more prim and humdrum every year. At length Mr. Brown returns, minus an arm, left on the field of Waterloo, but in possession of a captain's commission, and at last he has discovered that he is in love with Pheebe. Mr. Brown is now decidedly in earnest, or would be but for the shock given to him by Pheebe's dowdy appearance and formal manners. By some hasty ejaculations he even allows her to discover his disappointment, whereupon Pheebe, after the manner of a heroine of old comedy, determines to play a trick upon her lover, by impersonating an imaginary niece, who shall be in possession of all the lively qualities which she herself appears to lack.

Forthwith the mob-cap is banished, the golden curls released, and Pheebe, who is still young and really frolicsome by nature, blossoms forth at an officers' ball, a very incarnation of sprightliness and coquetry. As probably few of the audience fail to anticipate, Mr. Brown at first captivated, comes ere long to sigh for the less obtrusive charms of his old admirer. The play is beautifully mounted. Nor does the acting fall short of the merits of the work. The fresh charm of Miss Ellaline Terriss's Pheebe rendered valuable service, and if the somewhat passive part of Susan Throssell is scarcely worthy of the powers of Miss Marion snatched by this daring person at an evening party is the only evidence that Phoebe can give of Mr. Valentine Brown's feelings towards her,

Hicks's performance is not wanting in spirit or picturesqueness.

"WHAT WOULD A GENTLEMAN DO?"

The interrogative title of Mr. Gilbert Dayles's new comedy at the Apollo Theatre refers to the habitual condition of mind of Dickie Hook, a young gentleman from Australia, who having come into a large fortune is desirous of gaining admission to polite society, but like the once famous Titlebat Titmouse is hampered by his lack of education and his unpolished manners. He has contrived to make the acquaintance of Colonel Sir Bruce Kaderby, V.C., a distinguished officer, who being in pecuniary difficulties, is willing to receive him as a paying guest in his ancestral country V.C., a distinguished officer, who being in pecuniary difficulties, is willing to receive him as a paying guest in his ancestral country mansion. But though he has been careful to provide himself with a popular manual which undertakes to teach manners and etiquette Dickie is haunted still by the old distressing problem. It arises when he is privately asked to lend a thousand pounds to the Colonel's spendthrift son Ronald; it confronts him in a more embarrassing form when he finds that he has fallen in love with the Colonel's pretty daughter Madge, and determines to ask that young lady to become his wife. But altogether he struggles through his hesitations and embarrassments fairly well, and even induces the object of his passion to lend a favourable ear to his proposals. But

tions and embarrassments fairly well, and even induces the object of his passion to lend a favourable ear to his proposals. But soon afterwards the unfortunate Dickie overhears the confession from the young lady's own lips that she had mistaken gratitude for love, and that her affections are placed upon Sir Christopher Wynne, an old sweetheart, who, after a prolonged absence, has just returned to England. So once more there is the old appeal to conscience, and Dickie decides to absolve Madge from her engagement.

When also it comes to light that Sir Christopher has behaved basely and cruelly to a poor girl in Australia, the too chivalrous Dickie, by a falsehood, takes the guilt upon his own shoulders and thereby screens Madge's unworthy suitor. This seems, it must be confessed, a poor service to render to the young lady, nor is the situation improved by some incidental attempts to blacken the character of Sir Christopher's Australian victim, who appears to verify the old French proverb that the absent are always in the wrong. Mr. Louis Bradfield, who is better known to us in the ways of musical comedy, plays Dickie Hook with humour and also with a judicious absence of exaggeration, and Miss Nina Boucicault's Madge is charming enough to induce us to overlook her vacillating habit. In strong contrast with this portrait is Miss Beatrice Ferrar's outspoken sporting young lady who worthly vacillating habit. In strong contrast with this portrait is Miss Beatrice Ferrar's outspoken sporting young lady who worthily succeeds to the vacant place in the heart of Dickie Hook.

"THE BEST OF FRIENDS

The long unbroken good fortune of DRURY LANE has acquired a fresh impetus from the success of Mr. Cecil Raleigh's new autumnal drama. It has been said that these annual productions must perforce

come to an end from sheer exhaustion of the list of those familiar sights and scenes of modern London life and manners which have generally been assumed to be the indispensable features. But this time Mr. Raleigh has set himself the task of showing that so far from being indispensable these realistic actualities may on occasion be sacrificed without any injury to the dramatic interest or the picturesque qualities of the play. Contrary to all precedent, the long array of so nes which fill out the four acts of this elaborate production, include not a single London incident or locality, unless we except the marvellous view from the galkery of an equestrant and acrobatic circus in the last act; but they present, nevertheless, some examples of scenic illusion which in their way have not been surpassed. Conspicuous among them is the scene of the vast Hall in which the Duke of Rochborough entertains the Veomanry preparatory to their departure for South Africa, while his son, Lord Amesbury, restrained for a while by his abstract harred of war, refuses to don the khaki uniform till he is carried away by the patriotic enthusiasm of the occasion. More impressive still is the scene at Klarksdrift, in which the study old Boer, General De Lahne, and his commando, tracked by an overwhelming force to their secret stronghold, finally lay down their arms. Nor is the author less come to an end from sheer exhaustion of the list of those familiar stronghold, finally lay down their arms. Nor is the author less

fortunate in his story, which concerns the romantic friendship of the fortunate in his story, which concerns the romantic friendship of the young Lord Amesbury for his college chum, Paul De Lahne, turned to bitter hatred through their love for the circus girl Mercia, and finally restored by reconciliation on the battlefield. The play is frankly melodramatic, as appears in the fact that it ends with the discovery in the acrobatic Mercia of the old Duke's long missing granddaughter; but it is a relief at least to escape for once from the eternal tale of the blameless hero, persecuted through act after act by the unscrupulous villain of the piece. Playgoers with weak nerves may also be glad to know that there are practically no battle scenes, and consequently no fumes of piece. Playgoers with weak nerves may also be glad to know that there are practically no battle scenes, and consequently no fumes of "villainous saltpetre." In the long list of performers special recognition is due to Mr. Valentine, as the old commandant, Mrs. Raleigh as the designing Lady Alice Redwood, Mr. Conway Tearle as Paul De Lahne, Mr. Reeves Smith as Lord Amesbury, and Mr. Lowne as the stately but kindly Duke of Richborough The task of furnishing relief to the graver phases of the play falls entirely to Mrs. John Wood, whose impersonation of the honest, outspoken "strong woman" of the travelling circus company was received with the favour which travely fails to fall to the share of that popular actress.



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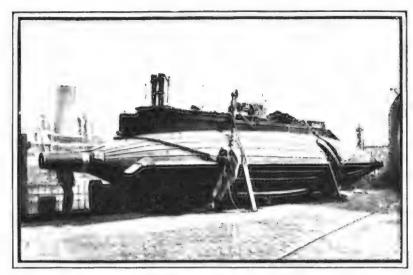
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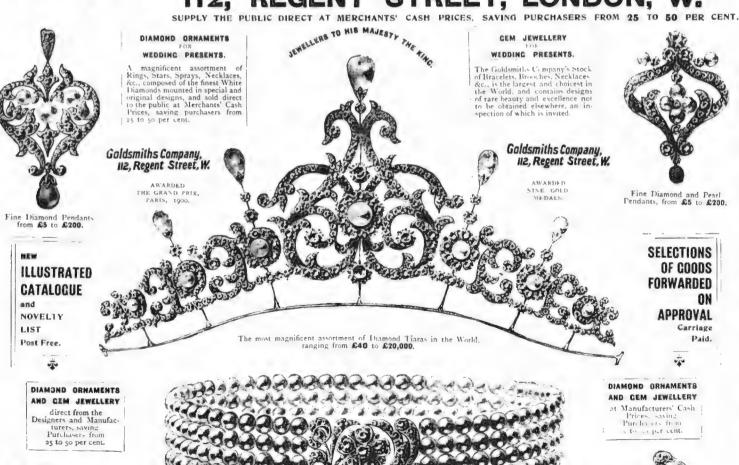
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deservedly wide circle of one more story from her pen. "Stronger than Love" (T. Fisher Unwin) is conceived and written in quite the best of her manners, for she had more than one; and in point of merit they were far from equal. Her forte lay in minute of servation and description; and her superiority in this respect is well illustrated in her latest, and last, novel. By "Stronger than Love" she means the self-sacrificing gratitude which induces a girl to reject if e lover whom she loved for the sake of a benefacties who was to all invents and purposes her rival. The result is of a piece with most usurpations of the office of providence, however well intended; nor, meanwhile, is it quite easy to appreciate the motives of the characters generally—they seem to surpass even real life in point of inconsistency. But, once more, the small things are as right and true as ever: Mrs. Hector, if she took her psychology chiefly from convention, evidently observed for herself, and knew how to make her readers see with her eyes. deservedly wide circle of one more story from her pen. . " Stronger her readers see with her eyes.

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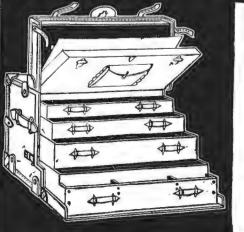
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results of common character and probable or even actual circumstance: so inevitable as to carry the conviction not only that everything did happen, but that nothing else could possibly have happened. That the novel will be found interesting is beyond question; but its interest is not that of sympathy. Where the uestion; but its interest is not that of sympathy. Where the uthoress attempts to reach the heart she seldom gets further than he mind. Nor will the general reader feel satisfied with its almost scornfully unconventional close—the triumph of the cold, soulless, mercenary young woman who drives one lover to madness and death, and beguiles another—the best of good fellows and of honest gentlemen—into what in her case is the worse fate of marriage. It is upon the portraiture of the former, Rhys Walters, that the It is upon the portraiture of the former, Rhys Walters, that the authoress has chiefly concentrated her power—a young farmer, who, to avoid a charge of murder committed in a "Rebecca" riot, leads the life of an outlaw among the hills, in the service of the secret head of an organised gang of sheep-stealers—nor is that situation in the least improbable to anybody who knows something of Dean Forest and the Marches at a considerably later date than that of "Rebecca." The authoress not only has a good plot, but an outlook on life that owes little, if anything, to her reading. We cannot retrain from quoting, by way of instance, her concluding passage, though it is not more striking than many more:—"In this sorry world it is one who can get justice for the hundreds who get mercy—the mercy which, we are told, 'blesseth him that gives and him that takes.' For Justice carries no perquisites."

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A discriminating and comprehensive guide to the admirably arranged Palaolithic and Neolithic flints at the British Museum has arranged Paleolithic and Neolithic flints at the British Museum has long been a necessity, and the necessity is fulfilled in the amplest way by the "Guide to the Antiquities of the Stone Age," which is printed by order of the Trustees, and has been compiled by the Department of British and Mediceval Antiquities, of which Mr. Charles H. Read is the Keeper. The difficulty in the way of the student of flint implements is that although they may now be pronounced coeval with the strata in which they are found, yet the mere presence of the flint arrow head, or the axe of obisidian, is no precise evidence of the date in the world's history at which it was used, because the forms and the materials of these weapons and implements long survived the introduction of newer weapons and more ductile materials; so that the evidence has to be sought from other sources. What these sources are, and what is the character and distribution of the collections represented. are, and what is the character and distribution of the collections representing the stage of culture called the Stone Age, the British Museum handbook indicates with painstaking thoroughness. The handbook has in the British Museum collection excellent material, if not com plete material, for the illustrations of a deeply interesting subject, and in the rather restricted limits of a convenient and minute handbook it has used them to excellent advantage, there being ten admirably executed plates and 142 cuts, ranging from the simple chopping tool to dagger handles carved with reindeer or mammoth heads.

"A DISSERTATION UPON SECOND FIDDLES"

A piece of work as whimsical as its title is this series of four stories by Vincent O'Sullivan (Grant Richards). We style it "series" rather than collection; for the respective illustrations—"Of Kindred," "Of Accomplices," "Of Friends," and "Of Enemies"—are linked by a common motive—the way in which one person's life may be the reflection of another's will. The first narrates the experiment of a selfish old reprobate, in identifying the interest of his relations with his being kept as long as possible from dying. The second is the appropriately fantastic account of a man whose



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sinful wishes were telepathically conveyed to another, by whom they were converted into actions—the mirror in this case being of the distorting kind. In the third, a dreamer without a character of his own, or even the ghost of a will, is accepted by a faithful wife, as all Carlyle's "Heroes" rolled into one; in the fourth, an obscure author makes another author's fame. But the book is mostly made up of elaborately ironical digressions; for Mr. O'Sullivan has not been afraid to try on the mantle of Sterne, and has achieved less of a misfit than one would naturally presume. More such dissertations will be welcome, and if their author should realise the childishness of trying to shock even prudish ears, they will be more welcome still. The mantle in question does not fit him so well that the indulgence extorted by genius can be extended to its imitation, undeniably elever though the imitation may be. sinful wishes were telepathically conveyed to another, by whom they deniably clever though the imitation may be.

** THE ADVENTURES OF AUGUSTUS SHORT "

Mr. Richard Marsh is better known as an adept in the art of making flesh creep than in that of tickling it into laughter. No doubt the latter is infinitely the more difficult process of the two: and though these "Adventures" (Anthony Treherne and Co.) of a too good-natured man will certainly not be found perilously sidesplitting, they will be found satisfactory if taken in the ten-minute doses in which they are dispensed, one at a time.

Aotes from the Magazines

THE NOVEL OF THE FUTURE

In the North American Keview there is an interesting symposium on the question of whether the novel will disappear. The discussion had its origin in an interview with M. Jules Verne, who expressed a very pronounced opinion that the novel as such was doomed, and that its place would be taken entirely by the daily newspaper. The most interesting view is that expressed by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, who seems to be much in sympathy with Mr. Wells. He

AN INDEFATIGABLE WORKER

The anonymous American who has been contributing to the Pall Mall Magazine reminiscences of English men of letters, gives in the October number a characteristic little story of one occasion when he met the late Sir Richard Burton:—

One night at a house in London, going upstairs at a very late party, I saw Burton sitting on the landing steps at the angle, with a book in his hand and a small writing-pad on his knees. It was a smoking party, very crowded, rather noisy (for London)—men were passing and repassing, and it was one o'clock in the morning. But there sat Burton, absorbed in his work, evidently all unconscious of what was going on about him, his pencil travelling fast over the paper. Presently I said, "How are you, Burton?" He answered, "How are you," without looking up; and the pencil went steadily on.

steadily on.
"You've chosen a nice quiet place to work," I said.
"One place is as good as another," he growled out.
"It makes no difference to you?"
"None."

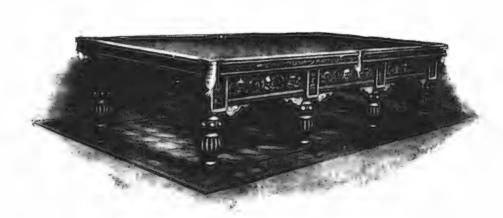
"None."
"May I see your hook?"
He handed up the little volume in its dark queer cover, much the worse for wear: a volume of Camoens in the Portuguese, which he was translating into English, Portuguese being one of the twenty-seven languages which he knew and spoke.
"Well," I said, "I suppose you want to be let alone; but are you never tired?"

He replied, "I never knew what it was to be tired."

Little wonder that he accomplished such a vast amount of work !

FASHIONS

The *Delineator-Designer*, issued by the Butterick Publishing Company, is primarily a fashion paper, and a very good one, too, for its illustrations in black and white and colours are excellent; and it deals, too, with dress in its every aspect, if one may say so that is to say, from boots and shoes upwards to hats; and, in addition, it gives away a paper pattern. Another very noticeable feature is that the literature is very far above the average. Stories and articles alike are so, and have serious and literary value. Fiction, music, the drama, and athletics all come in for attention, and the result is a very attractive magazine.



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THE AUTUMN OPERA STATON

THE comparatively short autumn season of thirty-five representations of opera in English at Covent Garden will end this (Saturday) evening. It cannot be said to have been a particularly evering seison; and, indeed, since the first week, when seven of the open's most frequently performed by the provincial troupe were run through, the management have only sparsely added to the repertory, and have, with true commercial instinct, frequently repeated the operas which, like Carmen, Faust, Lehengrin, and Tannhauser, seem to draw the largest audiences. Besides the works we have mentioned, the company have likewise mounted Pagliacci, Cavalleria Rusticana, Il Trevatore, The Lily of Pagliacci, Cavalleria Rusticana, Il Killarney, and Siegfried. The last, which gives no employment at .Il to the chorus -that is to say, the strong feature of the enterprise, and makes great demands upon the orchestra, which is the weak point of the company-has had, however, only a solitary representapoint of the company—has had, however, only a solitary representation. The performance was a creditable one to Mr. Brozel, the
exponent of the young "Son of the Forest," but the rendering of
the smaller parts, and the enamble, in which, in the Carl Rosa
days, these English companies rightly prided themselves, left much
to be desired. Towards the end of this week, also, were announced
Tristan, and on Friday a one-act operetta, Rosalba, by Signor
Pizzi, a short work which was some years ago produced in Italy.
The only opera by a British composer given during the season is
Maritana, while sundry other works which had been placed in the
list of possible productions, such as La Giaconda (which had already
been heard here both in Italian and English), Meyerbeer's Roleito,
The Bohemian Girl, and Martha, have not been given at all.

THE SCARBOROUGH DESTIVAL

The Scarborough Musical Festival was held last week, being rather earlier in starting than the previous financially successful

festival, which took place in October, although, if it was intended to eatch the fashionable visitors to this popular watering-place during the season, it was not early enough. The difficulty of holding a Scarborough Festival in August, when the leading singers are holiday-making is, however, obvious. Curiously enough the smallest audiences were attracted last week by Eirjah and Mesiah, which respectively commenced and ended the Festival, although a very good choir had been secured from various towns in the East Riding of Yorkshire, under the conductorship of Dr. Cowen. The best attendance was for a miscellaneous programme, including Stanford's Revence, on Thursday afternoon, but the Wagner concert on the following day did not draw nearly so many people. Perhaps the best choral performance was that of Elijah, but in Berlioz' Fianst the singers did very well. It seems, however, evident that Scarborough has not yet sufficiently developed as a Festival town, although the fact should not be overlooked that the prices were high, the cheapest seat costing three-and-six. festival, which took place in October, although, if it was intended high, the cheapest seat costing three-and-six.

QUEEN'S HALL CONCERTS

During the present week Mr. Henry Wood is greatly occupied with the rehearsals for the Sheffield Musical Festival, which takes place next week. During his absence in Sheffield the Queen's Hall band will be conducted by Mr. Arthur Payne, who finished his conductorship of the Llandudino concerts last Saturday, and returned to Queen's Hall on Monday. The only novelty this week was a new violin concerto by the Norwegian composer, Christian Sinding, announced for Thursday. But last week there were several additions to the repertory, among others, the second and third parts of M. Vincent d'Indy's Wallenstein, composed respectively as far back as 1874 and 1880. The first part, entitled Wallenstein's Comp, was produced here on the first appearance of M. Lamoureur's orchestra in London six years ago. It is by far the most interesting section of this tripartite orchestral piece, and it was a pity it was not repeated on Saturday, if only in order to make the trilogy complete. The performance under Mr. Wood started with the slow movement leading in to an allegro and entitled "Max and Thekla," the two subjects doubtless representing those two personages, although when the doubtless representing those two personages, although when the

piece was first written thirty years ago, in M. d'Indy's schoolslays, it was called "T Piecolomini." The final and more gloon's it was called "I Piccolomini." The final and more gloom section is entitled "Wallenstein's Death Another of the new works introduced by Mr. Wood on The sale

Another of the new works introduced by Mr. Wood on The statest week, was a suite formed out of the incidental music without the Mr. Gabriel Fauré to P. Heart et Melts under already heard in commonion with Mrs. Patrick Campbell's presentation of the tragedy. The suite consists of the preludes to the first and the third actitogether with the music accompanying the death scene of the heroine. Yet another addition made by Mr. Wood to the Queen self-line proposer Jarnefeldt. It is on the more or less conventional lines of a symphonic poem, and it is supposed to represent the planting of the Cross upon the headland of Korsholm, in the Gulf of Bothnia The Swedish crusaders interrupt a pagan festival, whereupon a lattiseene cusues, and the whole ends with the German chorale Ein f. st. Burg. Some of the thematic material is said to consist of Finne I, folk songs.

BROADWOOD CONCERTS

Messrs, John Broadwood and Sons have resolved to organise a series of evening Chamber Concerts at St. James's Hall this winter, a course of twelve being given on various dates between November 6 and April 2. Among the composers who will be represented by novelties at the Broadwood Concerts during the coming season are Mr. Vaughan Williams, Herr von Dohnányi, Mr. Randegger, jun., Sir C. Stanford, Dr. Alan Gray, and Mr. Somervell. Miss Ethel Smyth and Dr. Elgar have also been invited to contribute new works, but they have nothing ready for, at any rate, the first season and Dr. Elgar have also been invited to contribute new works, but they have nothing ready for, at any rate, the first season Among the executants who have been secured are Miss Fanny Davies, Messrs, Sapellnikott, Tovey, Leonard Borwick, Frederick Dawson, Victor Benham, and Harold Bauer; Miss Ella Spravka, Herr Muhlfeldt, Madame Soldat, Herr Kreissler, Herr Hugo-Becker, the Grimson Quartet, and the Bohemian Quartet; while among the singers will be Madame Brema, Mr. Coates, and Mr. Plunket Greene. The Amsterdam Choir may very possibly come over to London on a special engagement. among the singers will be Madame Brema Mr. Plunket Greene. The Amsterdam Choi come over to London on a special engagement.



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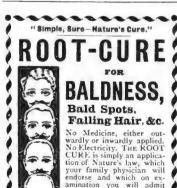
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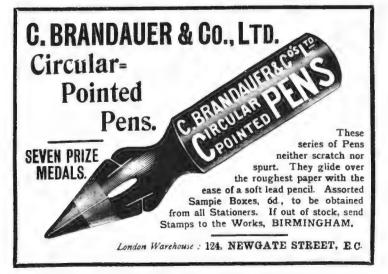
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THE SEASON

ONCE more a famous firm of opticians advertise their thermometers showing "how cold it has been," and the chilly are found sitting before a fire at breakfast, while yet the sun is on the summer side of the equinoctial line. The morning mists have often been very beautiful in their silvery whiteness, but they have hung over the sun till ten or later, delaying trattic, and even causing collisions. The railway companies have, of course, been prompt in doing what is always expected of them under such circumstances, and "train late" has been many a clerk's only too true reason for commencing the day an hour behindhand, and having a hurried time for the seven remaining business hours. In the country the cooler air has stopped the sprouting of the corn still in the sheaf, and it has also stopped the sprouting of the corn still in the sheaf, and it has also improved the chances of the grain which was stacked when wet. The potato crop has been benefited by the drier days, and disease is not making fresh headway. The hop-pickers are very busy, and the short crop of this year will soon be secured. The sun, on favourably situated orchards, has been enough from noon to three p.m. to complete the ripening of apples, pears and late plums, and

the bees are still busy on the heads of helianthus, hollyhock and dahlia, though it is only a few sorts of the latter which they seem to visit. Honeysuckle, despite the song, they ignore. Wasps are dania, thought it somy a few sorts of the latter than the visit. Honeysuckle, despite the song, they ignore. Wasps are abundant, and so are small green flies, but the ordinary house-fly has been very scarce. There have been some rare lepidoptera taken, including Antiopa in the London district, and Hera in South Devon; also a few Aporia Ceatagi in East Kent.

MARKETING FRUIT

The Covent Garden firms whose prices to the grower and buyer respectively are apt to show such a startling difference have a fair case to put before the Press. The fact is that the farming and yeoman class in England is least inclined to the very thing that the London buyer is most particular over. Here and there some old-fashioned fruit-lover will take a bushel of mixed pears, and sorting out the good ones from the "sleepy," will get a half-bushel of excellent fruit for a very low price. But this leisured type of buyer, good-natured, shrewd, and a bit speculative all at once is becoming, so the middlemen tell us, extinct. The average buyer goes for an average sample, and level quality is all the rage. Now the ordinary grower even of good fruit shirks the trouble of careful packing, and if he is including some specially "fine and large" examples, makes it all right for himself by including a certain The Covent Garden firms whose prices to the grower and buyer

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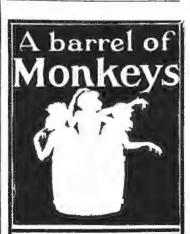
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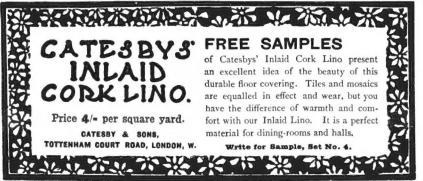
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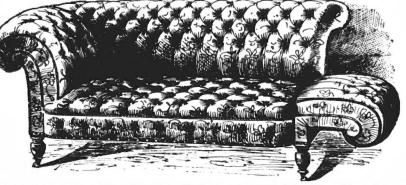
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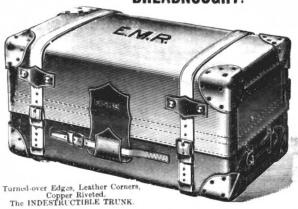
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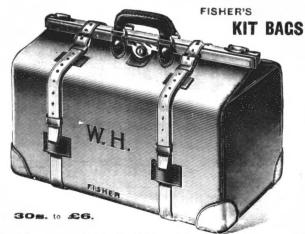
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